## Pretoria police kill 4 black strikers

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South African security forces shot dead at least four black railway workers in clashes in Johannesburg Wednesday and 16,000 other strikers were dismissed. The clashes, a major escalation in a six-week-old industrial dispute, coincided with a mass stay-away by the black workers and came as the government geared up its cammaign for a whites-only election on May 6. Three strikers were killed on the streets of central Johannesburg during the lunch hour as a crowd of singing marchers headed towards Doornfontein Station, eyewitnesses reported. Earlier security forces raided a gathering of SARHWU members at a union building in Germiston, east Johannesburg. The government's Bureau For Information said the workers attacked the forces with knives and stones and a worker was



Police fire at Karachi crowds, kill 2

KARACHI (R) — Police opened fire at protesters here Wednesday, killing two people, including a young boy, and raising to 19 the death toll from four days of ethnic riots, doctors said. They said an eight-year-old Bangladeshi boy was killed hy a stray bullet when police fired at stone-throwing protesters in western Karachi's volatile Liaquatabad area. A young man was killed in police firing on a crowd looting a bakery in west Karachi's Gulbahar area, the doctors said. Seventeen people had died earlier since the riots began on Saturday between Pashtuns from Pakistan's north-west and Mohajir immigrants from India. One was killed in the city of Hyderabad, some 175 kilometres to the north-east. The Mohajirs, Muslims who migrated to Pakistan at the sub-continent's partition in 1947, were Wednesday protesting against the police arrest of what they estimated were 200 people of their community in connection with the riots.

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#### Fayez in Baghdad

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#### 2 killed in traffic accident

AMMAN (J.T.) - Two people or praying to the control of the con were killed on Wednesday in a collision between a private car and a dumper truck on the main road of Khreibet Al Soug town, 10 kilometres south of Amman. The accident occurred when the dumper truck strongly hit the small private car while the car's driver was turning suddenly in the middle of the street. The car's driver, Mustafa Abdul Rahim Al Amad, 45, and his relative Mansi Al Amad 64, were killed in the accident. The truck's driver, Mahmoud Hassan Abn Zaydeh, was arrested by the police for investigation. Eyewitnesses attributed the accident to the carelessness on the part of both two

#### Qaboos receives Petrovsky

BAHRAIN (R) — Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Pet-rovsky arrived in Oman Wednesday with Kremlin proposals to end the Iran-Iraq war and safe-guard shipping in the Gulf. The official Omani News Agency said he delivered a message from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said.

#### Mubarak meets congressman

CAIRO (AP) — U.S. Rep. Charles Wilson, a frequent visitor to Egypt, dropped in Wednesday for a visit with President Hosni Mubarak. The Texas Democrat was en route to South Asia for a tour. Mr. Wilson is a member of the House Appropriations Com-mittee, which considers assistance to Egypt as part of the foreign aid bill. Egypt has re-ceived more than \$2 billion in aid annually in recent years, second only to Israel among U.S. foreign

## EC to increase aid to

CAIRO (R) — Egypt and the European Community (EC) are The second secon set to sign a \$500 million, fiveyear agreement, substantially in-الم العامد و creasing Western Europe's aid to the most populous Arab country, EC officials said Wednesday. Under their third financial protocol, covering 1987 to 1992, the EC will give Egypt grant aid of 200 million European Currency Units (about \$228 million), compared with 126 million ECUs (\$144 million) in the five years ending last December. Cairo will also receive 249 million ECUs (\$284 million) in loans from the European Investment Bank, compared with 150 million ECUs (\$171 million) under the previous

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## Kaddoumi spells out PLO terms for attending international conference ing the PLO's relations with By Lamis K. Andoni and Bader Abdul Hag in Algiers

FAROUQ Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) Political Department, on Wednesday defended the organisation's ties with Jordan and Egypt and spelled out the terms under which the PLO would attend a proposed international peace conference on the Middle East.

Following Mr. Kaddoumi's speech, a report on the financial situation of the PLO was presented by Mr. Jaweed Ghussein, head of the Palestine National Fund (PNF) and member of the PLO Executive Committee.

Meanwhile, intense consultations were under way among the various PLO factions to avoid a possible walkout of the PNC by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) over a simmering controversy concern-

PLO decision would undermine

a joint delegation with PLO rep-

resentatives to peace talks. Jor-

dan said Tuesday it will not allow

the abrogation of the accord slow

an international peace conference

Mr. Murphy also indicated that

the PLO move could set back

U.S. efforts to bring together

parties to the Middle East

to talk peace hecause the

thrust of American strategy in

Arab-Israeli peace efforts was partly directed at finding Palesti-

nian representatives acceptable

two Israeli soldiers were killed.

with the Algiers meeting.
"I would not see a major front

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to all parties.

#### Palestinians call on PNC to safeguard ties with Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan-based Palestinian citizens attending the PNC meeting on Wednesday sent an appeal to PNC Speaker Abdul Hamid Saych and PNC members urging them on behalf of fellow citizens in Jordan and under Israeli occupation to adhere to Palestinian national unity and work towards strengthening Jordanian-Palestinian relations

The statement said Palestinians found in Jordan the best of family and brothers and urged the meeting not to jeopardise these special

"In the name of martyrs, the steadfast people in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, in the name of the steadfast people in the refugee camps and all Palestinians in Jordan, we call on you to hold on to the national unity and safeguard the Jordanian-Palestinian ties," the

Murphy: PLO set back

a House of Representatives sub- down efforts towards convening

chance for peace

too early to predict the effect of a on the Mideast.

Richard Murphy said Tuesday

that the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) had sacri-

ficed the chance for progress in

Middle East peace efforts for the

Mr. Murphy, testifying before

committee (see page 4), said it was

decision by the PLO Executive

Committee to abrogate the Feh. 11, 1985 agreement with Jordan

on a joint strategy towards set-

tling the Palestinian problem.

The decision, made in advance

of this week's meeting in Algiers

(PNC), was designed to draw

hack radical Palestinian factions

into the mainstream PLO struc-

ture and settle an almost four-

year-old internal PLO dispute. "You have to ask yourself what

use is unity if you can't move forward politically," Mr. Murphy told the House of Representative

subcommittee. "Not much, is the

M. Murphy, who is the U.S.

State Department's top expert on

the Middle East, said: "The

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq on Wednesday charged the Un-ited States and Israel were still

supplying arms and military ex-

States and some other Eastern

Iran with arms and military ex-

mander Air Marshal Hameed

In a statement published by the

"Iraq knows exactly and pre-

pertise to Iran.

Iraq says U.S. and Israel

of the Palestine National Council

sake of internal unity.

#### Egypt. Informed sources said PFLP leader George Habash, faced with a possible split in the PFLP ranks over the issue, was insisting that the PNC come out with an unequivocal statement severing all contacts and relations

with the Egyptian government.

An Egyptian delegation met with Dr. Habash on Wednesday and the sources said the delega-tion urged the PFLP leader "not to push too much" with his demand for a "total cut-off" of contacts between the PLO and the Cairo government. However, said the sources, the appeal did not produce the desired result and Dr. Habash was reportedly preparing to quit the PNC meeting and leave Algiers "any moment." Official spokesmen, when asked about the dispute, said they did not have any "inside" in-formation over what Dr.

Habash's plans were. However, one of the spokes-men conceded that "there is a dis-pute over the issue of relations with Egypt," and said: "A dialogue is continuing among the various factions to avoid a collapse of Palestinian nnity

achieved in Algiers." In a press conference held Wednesday, PLO spokesman Ahmad Abdul Rahman described the ongoing PNC meeting as a

## Israeli police beat up 47 Arab students

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Palestinian officials at the Islamic University in occupied Gaza said Wednesday that Israeli troops had beaten 47 students during a recent anti-Israel

protest. The students were treated, mostly for hruises, at a university clinic and nine were taken to hospital, the officials said.

Asked to comment on Sunday's campus protest, an Israeli army spokeswoman said: "We don't knnw how many people get bruised in demonstrations. We

don't keep track of such things."

The Israeli army said students threw stones at soldiers and hurned an Israel flag. Israeli authorities suspended classes for a week in retaliation.

In another move on Wednesday against Palestinian protests, Israeli officials ordered Gaza's Fuligia High School closed for two weeks after disturbances

Israeli army radio reported that Israeli police had dismantled a bomh on a traffic island in the main street of Gaza City. It was unclear who planted the explo-

Gaza has been the scene of

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WASHINGTON (Agencies) — peace process should not become U.S. Assistant Secretary of State hostage to the internal politics of the PLO." He predicted that the Jordan's efforts to put together Lebanon's economic crisis.

> whom lead warring communal militias, were not optimistic ab-

> well as leader of the big Shi'ite Amal militia.

In a response to a question about Sunday's Palestinian com-mando attack against an Israeli settlement in the Galilee, Mr. Murphy said the assault, in which three Palestinian commandos and appeared to be timed to coincide dent Amin Gemayel was not attending the meeting, political itiative by Parliamentary Speaker Hussein Husseini.

Syria is a key power-broker in Lehanon with more than 25,000 troops in north and east Lehanon and in west Beirut.

The planned ministerial meeting comes on the first day of a general strike called hy the General Labour Federation in both Muslim and Christian areas of Lebanon, the first joint action since a similar one-day protest

Bishara said the strike might end after one day if ministers adopted

Banks, schools, factories. media, public and private institu-tions will close their doors for at

ate the growing suffering of workers trapped by fixed wages.

Mr. Bishara said a recent 40

## **Newly-elected Cairo assembly** meets amid opposition protests

CAIRO (AP) - Egypt's newly hood. elected parliament opened its first session on Wednesday annud claims by an opposition party that it was an illegal body.

Some 20 members from the right-of-centre New Wafd party narched up to the parliament building to protest a government appeal of a court ruling that 10 of the seats now won by President Hosni Mubarak's National Democratic Party (NDP) should have gone to the New Wafd.

"Long live the people's will. Down with rigging," they shouted outside the heavy iron gates of the People's Assembly as they tried to enter the building. Police barred them.

"The present parliament is unconstitutional and illegal," Mahmoud Al Saqa, a New Wafd candidate who ran for one of the 10 disputed seats, told reporters. Parliament now does not exist as a power."

Tuesday's ruling by the administrative court also said another seven seats awarded to the NDP should have been won by an opposition alliance of the left-ofcentre Socialist Labour Party, the right-wing Liberal Party and the fundamentalist Muslim Brother-

The People's Assembly has 448 elected seats, of which 400 were allotted to parties and 48 to independent candidates. The parties fielded lists and their seats were distributed by proportional representation. A complicated process governed the apportionment of

challenged the ruling, appealing Mr. Saga said the administra-

tive court ruling should be implemented despite the government appeal. The government invoked a legal technicality to stop implementation pending the outcome of the appeal.

ference of business was to elect a speaker, and the result was a surprise show ter-Intelligence Service caught of strength by the NDP. the American diplomat red-

The ruling party's Rifaat Al Mahgouh, speaker in the previous parliament, was chosen to succeed himself with 393 "yes" votes, more than 40 above its already massive majority. The runner-up, Ibrahim Shukry of the Socialist Labour Party, nominal head of the electoral alliance, got 54 votes, six fewer than the



His Majesty King Hussein chats with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minis-

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein returned home Wednesday after visits to Morocco. The Netherlands, Belgium and Britain during which he met with King Hassan II of Morocco, Dutch Prime Minister Rund Lubbers, Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The King and these leaders discussed efforts related to establishing a just and durable peace in the Middle East through an international peace conference to be attended by the five permanent

in the Arab-Israeli conflict. During these meetings the King stressed the importance of the European role in pushing forward peace efforts in the region and also discussed relations between Jordan and the countries he vi-

During his visit to Britain the King also underwent a successful minor surgery in the right ear in a

The King was received upon

Council and all parties involved Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Cahinet members, Royal Court Secretary General Bassem Sakit as well as senior civil and military

Also at hand to greet the King his arrival in Amman by His were the ambassadors of the

## members of the U.N. Security Royal Highness Crown Prince countries which the King visited. Colombo says 80 rebels killed in retaliatory raids on Jaffna

COLOMBO (Agencies) - Sri attacked an army camp at Kank-Lankan air force planes strafed
Tamil separatist bases on
Wednesday, killing 80 rebels in
apparent retaliation for the rushhour bombing of the capital's main bus station that police said left at least 150 dead.

The surprise air strikes early Wednesday morning on the Tamil-dominated Jaffna peninsuhlamed for the bombing on Tuesday that also injured at least 300.

A few hours after the air strikes, the cabinet met for its weekly session and a government spokesman told Reuters it decided "strong measures" will be taken in the fight with rebels seeking an independent Tamil homeland

He declined to be specific but government official sources said these meant a military offensive.

There were several other violent attacks late Tuesday and Wednesday, raising to more than 350 the number of people killed in incidents connected with the Tamil civil war since last Friday. A military official said rebels

ities accused a U.S. diplomat of

spying Wednesday and produced video film that they said showed

him handing over money and

instructions to a Polish contact before be was detained by the

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban said Albert Mueller, a

second secretary in the U.S.

embassy's political section, had

been "canght red-handed" last

Saturday night and was taken for

questioning to a police station. He had since left Poland.

"On April 18 at 21,55 Second

Secretary Albert Mueller was

apprehended while he was pas-

sing on spy equipment, spying orders, ciphers and dollars to a

Polish citizen," Mr. Urban told

reporters at his weekly press con-

"The Interior Ministry Coun-

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said eight rebels were believed killed. Near Trimcomalee in eastern

bomb under an army vehicle Wednesday, killing 15 soldiers and wounding another 60, the official said. In the go

Tilak Ratmakara, chairman of the government media centre. said some civilians may have been among the injured in the bombings.
The government has issued a

call that civilians should not remain near known militant targets," he said. "The government will continue to strike at these targets until civilian killings are stopped and peace negocia-

tions resume."
A 20-hour curfew was reimposed on the capital and nearby perse the crowds. Gampha district at 9 a.m. Wednesday to forestall violence against Tamils by Sinhalese who comprise 74 per cent of the is-land's 15 million people.

The killing of 13 Sinhalese solhave been killed in the conflict

The Sinhalese community has Sri Lanka, rebels detonated a been tense over the recent kill-ings of 141 Sinhalese civilians, including 126 hus passengers shot on April 17 and 15 villagers killed last Monday in incidents hlamed

bels. Police in Colombo said they used tear-gas to disperse about 250 people who gathered at the bomh site just before the curfew was reimposed. Helicopters hovered over the capital and police

said they arrested 104 people from Tuesday night. Eyewitnesses quoted by Reuter said a few Tamil shops in the working class Maradana district were looted Tuesday night and police fired into the air to dis-

Six Tamil prisoners were injured Tuesday night at Welikada jail on the outskirts of the capital when Sinhalese inmates rushed a

### Tamil prison dormitory. Superpowers head for showdown over missiles

GENEVA (Agencies) - The United States and the Soviet Un-there were "grounds for optimconflicting positions on shortrange nuclear missiles in Europe before the start of a new round of arms control talks on Thursday. The United States remains firm-

ly committed to setting equal permitted numbers of short-range missiles for each side and is determined these should be "an integral part" of a medium-range missile accord, U.S. negotiator Maynard Glitman told reporters Wednesday. The dispute over short-range

missiles, which can travel 500 to 1,000 kilometres, threatens to spoil a superpower agreement in principle to scrap their mediumrange missile forces in Europe. Mr. Ghitman made clear the United States felt keeping equal

numbers of short-range missiles was the best way to ensure "continued deterrence and that there will be nn war ... either nuclear or conventional."

This position, set out in an American draft treaty last month, would require that Washington and its NATO allies deploy new short-range missiles to match present Soviet superiority.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev made a new short-range missile offer last week which, he said. was aimed at allaying NATO fears over Soviet strength in this field.

Mr. Gorbachev told U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in a Moscow meeting that the Kremlin would eliminate all such arms within a year of the signing of a medium-range missile pact.

Mr. Glitman said Wednesday ion have staked out sharply ism" about the prospects for reaching an agreement, though "difficult issues remain, and much hard work lies ahead of

> The U.S. efforts "will he directed to producing a sound and durable agreement, not to meeting a timetable," he said.

> This appeared to respond to the statement a day earlier hy Soviet negotiator Alexei Obukhov, who said he was under instructions to seek agreement on a treaty on the elimination of medium-range missiles in Europe this year. He said his delegation is "entitled to reciprocity from the U.S. side."

> Mr. Ohukhov said his delegation would present at the new round a draft treaty spelling out the latest iniciatives by Mr. Gorbacbev.

These proposals, which reflect a formula worked out at last year's Reykjavik summit, would provide for the scrapping of all but 100 medium-range missile warheads on each side.

The Soviets would retain warheads for their triple-warhead SS-20s in their Asian territory, while the U.S. warbeads would remain in American territory.

Some NATO allies would prefer that the United States be allowed to huild up to the Soviet level of short-range weapons, arguing that complete elimination would expose them to the Warsaw Pact's superiority in conventional arms.

Mr. Glitman said the subject was still under discussion.

protocol, the officials said.

Moscow to respond

Defence Ministry newspaper Al Qadisiya, he threatened to expose those states which "claim to

> with Iran with the support of Israel and some Western coun-

aggression. "Any Zionist aggression against Iraq will not pass without a deter-

rent punishment ... our armed

forces must be prepared to retali-

have principles and take a neutral attitude (towards the Gulf war) and even friendship for the Arah Nation, proving they are liars...' Marshal Shaaban's statement came five months after the exposure of an American arms deal

Marshal Shaaban threatened Israel with immediate and decisive retaliation in the event of any

still sending arms to Iran ate with full power, density and destruction." he said. In Washington, a House of Representatives committee was

gearing up for full-scale hearings into the Iran arms scandal and cisely that Israel, the United was to grant immunity to former National Security Adviser John and Western states still supply Poindexter. The select house panel planned to follow Tuesday's Senate lead in granting President Reagan's pertise," said Air Force Com-

former top security aide limited immunity to compel him to testify about the secret Iran arms deal The house and Senate committees plan nationally televised joint hearings starting May 5, and officials said they hoped Vice-Admiral Poindexter, as the highest ranking official so far known to have taken part in the operation, would shed light on the clandestine dealings that sparked

Mr. Reagan's biggest crisis.

A member of the Senate investigating committee, Democrat Howard Heffin of Alabama, told reporters the key questions to be asked Adm. Poindexter are: What did the president know about this? What conversations did you have with him? That is the primary question which peo-

ple want to know."

#### Beirut cabinet meets today as people brace for strike BETRUT (R) - Rival cabinet sources said. ministers meet for the first time in seven months on Thursday, coinmeeting was a Syrian-backed ingroups which the government has

ciding with a rare nationwide general strike to protest against Public statements by Christian and Muslim ministers, some of

out the talks, to be restricted to economic matters.

Meeting as an economic committee was a waste of time, said Nahih Berri, minister of justice and state minister for South Lebanon and reconstruction as

Mr. Berri said be believed economic well-being would only come from a change in the whole

Finance Minister Camille Chamoun, a former president and a key Christian hardliner, said that while the meeting would not solve the Lebanon war, he was prepared to discuss the economy. The ministers would not be able to tackle constitutional reform issues, a key element in the Lebanon conflict, because Presi-

last July. Federacion President Antoine realistic measures.

least a day, although hospitals will stay open, Mr. Bishara said. Mr. Bishara said the strike was to protest spiralling inflation and the government's failure to allevi-

#### American diplomat per cent wage rise decreed by Mr. (Continued on page 3) with spying WARSAW (R) - Polish author-

The government immediately

it to a higher tribunal.

The new assembly's first order

handed." The Polish Foreign Ministry had Tuesday lodged a formal protest with the U.S. embassy about his activities, which Mr. Urban described as "not compatible with his diplomatic status." A U.S. embassy spokesman confirmed that Mr. Mueller had left Poland on Sunday for the alhance's membership. United States.

# Moscow to respond 'firmly' to any Gulf attack on its ships

ABU DHABI (R) — A senior Soviet official has said Moscow will reply "firmly" to any attack on Soviet-flag ships in the Gulf, but did not say whether this would involve military action.

Ivanov Galitsin, head of Gulf Arab affairs at the Soviet Foreign Ministry, told a lecture audience Tuesday night Moscow would take measures allowed by international law including recourse to the Uoited Nations Security Council.

Asked what the Soviet Union would do if one of its ships were attacked, Mr. Galitsin said 'Soviet ships enter the Gulf from time to time through international routes, and some of them have been stopped. We will reply to this provocation firmly and consider it cootrary to international

Some 300 vessels have been artacked by either Iran or Iraq in the past three years in a maritime extension of their ground war. now in its seventh year.

Io addition. Iran says it has stopped 1,200 foreign ships in the

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A

Tehran court seotenced Jon Pat-

tis, a U.S. citizen, to 10 years

imprisonment for spying, Iran's official Islamie Republic News

Agency (IRNA) reported

1986 while working as a telecom-

munications project engineer at

the Asadabad Communications

Centre 320 kilometres south west

His arrest came after an Iraqi

air raid knocked out Iran's com-

munications with the ontside

In an interview broadcast by

Iran's state television in October

Pattis confessed to parts of seven

different charges linked with

spying activities and using a

The Iraoian news agency, which is monitored in Nicosia,

did not say when Pattis' trial took

Pattis' arrest was first disclosed

world temporarily.

forged passport.

Pattis. 50. was arrested in June

Wedneday.

Iran jails American for 10

years on spying charges

past 18 months to search for Iragi-bound weapons.

Moscow has leased three tankers to Kowait, apparently singled out in recent Iranian attacks, and has offered to give them naval protection.

Mr. Galitsin, who accompanied Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky oo a visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), was asked how Moscow could call for an end to the Iran-Iraq war and continue to

supply both sides with arms.
"The supply of arms is oot the. main issue, because stopping sup-plies to both parties should be done by all parties," he replied. What is important is how to reach a solution to the conflict. There should be collective efforts to end the war.

'Mr. Petrovsky has briefed Gulf Arah leaders on new prop-

by the Speaker of the Iranian

Parliament, Ali-Akbar Hashemi

He had been arrested in June.

Pattis worked for the American

firm, Cosmos Eogineers, of

Bethesda, Maryland as a tele-

the Iran Telecommuoications

Agency had asked Cosmos to

provide its American personnel

working in Iran with oon-Amer-

She said the agency was con-

cerned Iranian immigratioo au-

thorities would oot grant entry

spied for the Central Intelligence

He said he provided informa-

tion on the Asadabad centre and

a warning system which was sup-

posed to protect it against

In the television appearance last

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ican passports.

Agency (CIA).

visas to Americans.

osals of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for international talks on ending the war and protecting Gulf shipping.

Mr. Galitsin said Moscow had rejected a U.S. offer for superpower talks on the war. "We rejected a U.S. offer last summer to issue a joint statement on the Gulf and preferred that collective action be made," he said. Mr. Petrovsky said Tuesday

the superpowers were to take "joint steps" for ending the Gulf war within the framework of the United Nations.

Without elaborating, Mr. Petrovsky hinted that these steps could include an international disengagement force along the Iran-Iraq front line and an arms embargo on both belligerents.

Speaking at a press conference, he said Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's proposal to convene a multinational conference on the protection of Gulf commercial shipping was "the only way to

achieve stability in the region. "The proposal is directed to all countries ... it inclodes conductpresence in the region," he said Soviet diplomats explained that Mr. Petrovsky was allnding to

presence in the Gulf. U.S., British, Freoch and Soviet naval task forces patrol the Gulf waters in increasing numbers as a result of the protracted war which has adversely affected commercial shipping in the re-

reduction of the foreign naval

"The Soviet Union is for ending this war," he said. "Our proposals discussed during my tour with Gulf officials are within this framework."

He said his country was awaiting the response of other capitals to the proposals and was ready to discuss more details or listen to any recommendations in this re-

Mr. Petrovsky arrived in Abu Dhabi Sunday from Kuwait on the second leg of a Gulf tour designed to strengthen bilateral ties and discuss means of ending the Gulf war, which is now in its

## Iranian Mujahedeen rebels report killing 70 guards

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Seventy Iranian Revolutionary Guards were killed in an ambush on a mountain road in north west Iran, it was reported Wednesday by the leading Iranian anti-government underground group.

The Mujabedeen Khalq or Pattis' sister, Ellen, said in the people's warriors, said in a state-United States after his arrest that ment the ambush took place on Sunday south of the town of Baneh, in the Kurdish-inhabited mountain regioo that straddles the Iranian-Iraqi border.

A smouldering guerrilla war waged by turbaned Kurdish Peshmerga, or "those who face death," is heating up on both sides of the border. Implementing a carefully work-October Pattis confessed that he

ed out ambush plan the guerrillas took up positions on top of Surkhkook, the red mountain, and waited for a motorised column of Revolutionary Guards to drive past along a narrow twisting road, The column of 500 Revolutionary Guards in a large number of vehicles, armed with an assortment of heavy and medium caliber weapons, was completely routed in the ambush, added the statement. The guards are a special paramilitary force of mostly teenage youths fanatically loval to Iran's patriarch, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The statement was telexed to the Associated Press office in Nicosia from the Mujahedeen's headquarters in the Iraqi capital,

It said that at least 70 bodies were counted on the scene of the battle, while 45 more Revolutionary Guards were wounded and large quantities of equipment were set ablaze and were totally destroyed.

The guerrillas poured mortar rocket-propelled grenade and heavy machinegun fire on the column for three hours, without suffering any casualties them-selves, the statement added.

## Kuwaiti defence minister calls for vigilance

-KUWAIT (AP) — Knwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, in an apparent allusion to Iranian threats, called on the armed forces Wednesday to be vigilant, vowing to repulse any attack on this Guif state.

The circumstances ruling in the regioo necessitate that we remain vigilant and seriously carry out our duties," the minister said at a ceremony at the Ahmad Al Jaber Air Base.

The ceremony bonoured in structors of a recently-graduated group of pilots and air defence

The minister stressed that the Kuwaiti government was doing its utmost "to repulse dangers facing Kuwait through political means and other methods."

"But if a day comes (for military action), all of us as pilots and fighters of the armed forces, and as men, will defend the country regardless of sacrifices." he

Sheikh Salem, as current chairman of the 46-nation Organisa-tion of Islamic Conference, is leading efforts to mediate the negotiated ending of the Iran-Iraq war, oow in its seventh year.

Iran, which accuses Kuwait of supporting Iraq's military effort. has concentrated oo attacking tankers and other shipping associated with Kuwait on the sidelines of the war affecting Gulf naviga-

"We are a state which harbours oo enmity toward any one and extend our hand of cooperation to all. But we will stubbornly defend our land and dignity against any aggression," Sheikh

Sheikh Salem's remarks were made as Kuwait is engaged in consultations with Washington about raising the United States flag on its fleet of oil tankers. Kuwait last week chartered three Soviet-flag tankers, in an

attempt to avert Iranian attacks. Meanwhile, the Arab Bar Federation ended a four-day conference here with calls on Arab states to "break off diplomatic and economic relations with Iran... to pressure it into halting its aggression on Iraq."

## Morocco proclaims boycott of PLO

RABAT (R) — King Hassan has said that Morocco would boycott He said PLO events after a leader of Polisario guerrillas fighting Morocco for the independence of the Western Sahara attended a Palestinian meeting in Algiers.

But King Hassan said he would continue to defend the Palestinian cause and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) remained the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

In a television address, King Hassan said it was unacceptable that Polisario leader Mohammad Abdul Aziz compared Morocco's situation in the Western Sahara to the Israeli occupation of Arab He said Morocco's dignity and

honour had been insulted. Mr. Abdul Aziz, president of the self-proclaimed Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, attended Monday's first session of the Palestine National Council

"From today on, all our official and non-official representatives have been ordered to stop attending meetings where Palestinians would speak in Palestine's name," he said Tuesday.

It was not immediately clear whether King Hassan's decision amounted to freezing relations

He said the ban included participation by Moroccans in any political, cultural, scientific or sports event where a PLO official would speak

Relations between Morocco and PLO leader Yasser Arafat cooled after King Hassan met Shimon Peres, then Israeli prime minister in Ifrane last summer.

A few months ago Mr. Arafat met Mr. Abdul Aziz in Algiers but PLO officials in Rabat sought to minimise it, saying it was a chance encounter in an hotel

## PNC meeting in Algiers draws mixed reaction from Palestinian press

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) - The Palestinian Press of Arab Jerusalem devoted massive coverage Wednesday to the Palestice National Couocil (PNC) meeting in Algiers, whose convening was greeted with enthusiasm by many local residents as a sign of renewed Palestinian

Several of the four Arabicanguage dailies ran up to three photos and five stories on their

front page on the conference. Al Shaab, often identified with left-wing supporters of the Palestine Liberatioo Organisation's (PLO) mainline Fateh movement, devoted its editorial to rejecting criticism of the meeting by Palestinians who hroke away from the group and sought sup-

port from Syria. "If some people still insist on carrying out senseless games and

repeating empty slogans in an attempt to shed doubt on the legitimacy of the Algiers meeting, they should look into the eyes of our children.

They should listen to the heartbeats of our elderly and our youth in Bourj Al Barajneh and Shatila (refugee camps in Leba-non), in Balata and Dheisheh (refugee camps in the occupied West Bank) and then they will get the real and true answer".

Al Quds, which often reflects views of local Palestinian business leaders and moderates who offer the PLO cautious backing, wrote that the meeting's main achievement would be to clarify positions on an international Middle East peace conference.

"Determining PLO strategy in the international arena and mak-

better international atmosphere to push for a conference."

Al Fajr, which reflectes the views of Western-educated supporters of the Fatch movement. said "the PLO was on the verge of disappearance under the weight of divisions and fragmentation" before the conference was held.

The sole criticism about the meeting came from An Nahar which deplored the abrogation by the PNC of an agreement on joint political strategy with Jordan.
An Nahar said it was not con-

vinced by PLO explanations that abrogatico would permit a oew and better working relationship.

"If it took two years for the two parties to reach the initial agreement, how long will it now take ing it clear all groups present at for a new relationship to be established," the newspaper asked. for a new relationship to be estab-

## Cyprus arrests 2 for attack

LIMASSOL, Cyprus (R) — Cypriot police have arrested two Arabs after an island-wide manhunt for gunmen who ambushed and shot two Britons in a military Land Rover, police sources said Wednesday.

One source named the men as Saleh Ali Al Hamad and Rased Abdullah Rasem. One was arrested Tuesday night in Larna-ca and the other Wednesday in Limassol:

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### U.S. study says Islamic Republic to outlive Khomeini WASHINGTON - A Rand which might enable them to act as

Corp. study says that U.S. policymakers should expect Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Islamie Republic to outlive him and prove durable. The study, The Iranian Milit-

ary Under the Islamic Republic, suggests that the United States should create a situation in which Iranian military officials can open communications at a time of It also urges the Reagan admi-

allies to maintain ties with Iran, ments to the Islamic Republic.

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middlemen.

The think tank's unclassified study, which was commissioned by the Pentagon, concludes that the succession to Ayatollah Khomeini, the 84-year-old spiritual leader, probably will be

The study's author, Nikola B. Shahgaldian, completed three years of research before revelations in November that President Reagan tried to establish contact nistration to encourage U.S. with Iran through U.S. arins ship

## TV & RADIO

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS **EXHIBITIONS** 

An art exhibition entitled Byzantin and Omayyads during the early beginning of Islam: Khirbet Es Sanua and El Fedein at the French Cultural Centre

 An art exhibition by Khaled Al Hamzeh at Alia Art Gallery. CONCERT

A concert by the Boogie Jam's at 10:00 p.m. Thursday at the Holiday Inn in Aqaba. FEATURE FILM

\* A Star is Boru" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the American Centre. CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

2nd Spring Festival for children, at the Royal Cultural Centre. (it runs until Tuesday)

**CINEMA** 

"Marius" at 8:00 p.m. Thursday at the French Cultural Centre. **CULTURAL CENTRES** 

American Centre Library ...... 641520 .. 641993 Haya Arts Centre Hinssein Youth City ......... Y.W.C.A. Y.W.M.A. 664251 Amman Municipal Library 636111 Univ. of Jordan Library 843555

**MUSEUMS** 

"Children's Heritage and Science Massum," Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00

Morning Show

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Morning Show Contd.

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a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday. Folklere Mansum: Jewelry and cos-tumes over 100 years old. Also mossics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.u.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. Year-round. Tel. 651760.
Jordan Archaeological Masseum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hall). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m., to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.
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Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, cerumics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Montazah, Jabal Luwebdeh, Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

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630128. Martyrs' Memoriai (Military Massum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revok of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

### CHURCHES

St. Jeeph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabel Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Ammanciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.

Terrassanta Church (Roman Catholic), Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Ralian language, moet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 622366

Church of the Annunctation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541. Anglican Church (Church of the Re-deemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 678906. Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh,

Tel. 771331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 775261.

St. Ephrain Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 771751.

Annuan International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern
Barrier School in Shmateaul Tel Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534. Evangelical Lutheran Church Jabal Amman, 6th Circle, (Rev. N. Smir), Tel. 811295.

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FOR THE TRAVELLER

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18:00	Arabic Serie
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19:30	News Programm
19:50	Programme Review

20:30 A programme on the West Bank

... News in Arabic

...... Varieties programme
...... News Summary in Arabic

PROGRAMME TWO 17:30 French film: Le cinq dernieres News in French 19:15 News in Hebrew News in Arabic 20:30 The Cosby show Weekly Preview .... Falcon Crest

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words News 23:39 Science in Action 24:00 News Summary; Network UK 00:15 Music Now 00:45 A Night to Remember 01:00 World News 01:29 The World Today 01:25 A Letter from Northern Ireland 01:20 Financial News 10:20 .....

01:40 Reflections 01:45 Sports Round-up 02:00 World News, Commentary 02:15 From the Weeklies 02:30 Multis-

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12:49 .... Amsterdam, New York (RJ) 12:45 Vienna, Chicago, Los Angeles (RJ) 13:15 .... Frankfurt, Copenhagen (RJ) ..... Bahram, Abu Dhabi (RJ) ...... Kuwait, Dhabran (RJ) . Caire (RJ) OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2) ... Istanbul, Amsterdam (KLM) 14:30 Aqaba (RJ)

## AARRO conference examines Jordan's rural development

By Najwa Najjar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The 9th general session of the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation (AARRO) continued its deliberations Wednesday focusing on means and ways to overcome specific problems in rural development.

The regional conference was opened Tnesday hy Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Wahhab Al Majali deputising for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and is serving as a forum for studies, discussions and the exchange of experiences between the participating countries.

During the week-long meetings, delegates from 14 African and Asian member countries will work towards determining. appropriate pobcies and programmes for rural reconstruction in less developed countries.

Although not all of the 26 member states were able to attend, delegates from Ethiopia, India, Egypt. Mauritius. Lihya, Yemen, Morocco, Iraq, China, Turkey, Ghana, Malaysia, Japan and Jordan were present. In addition, members from two nongovernmental organisations: the Central Union Organisation for Cooperation, Japan, and the Centre: for Integrated Rural Development, Tanzania, are also

participating in the conference. On Wednesday morning each participating country presented a review of their efforts to solve rural problems and outlined their national experiments in executing development plans in rural re-

gions. The speakers urged governments to give integrated agricultural development priority in any national plan and stressed the. importance of the private sector

in such development. The development of rural districts in any country should taken into consideration real incentives to encourage investments, the speakers said, also noting the importance of encouraging cooperative societies.

In order to achieve overall development in rural regions, interregional and international cooperation is a must, they said.

Following the member countries' speeches, the Jordan country paper was presented by Mr. Adeeh Burgan, regional director and honorary representative of tion under the overall control and (MERO) which was established guidance of the secretary general in Sept. 1986 to work towards of AARRO in New Delhi. An achieving AARRO's objectives of reconstructing the economies of the rural people of Afro-Asian countries and to revitalise their social and cultural lives.

By Nermeen Murad Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - "The Green Road,"

a Jordanian play which opened to

a full house on Saturday, has

shown that dedication, hard work

and a good team of artists is all

you need to produce a show that can be enjoyed by everybody.

The one-and-a-half-honr

musical, sponsored by the Noor

Al Hussein Foundation, had all these ingredients and the out-

come is a fascinatig proof that

Jordanian theatre and its actors

are developing professionally as individuals and as a team.

lighting — all designed by Mid-mac design and supervision —

seemed to reflect the world of children in all the colours that

Music and lyrics

The music and the lyrics carried the children through Laila's

fantasy world and gave them a way to express themselves in a

lively and realistic manner. The

music was an original score by

Yousef Khasho specially for the play and it captivated the andience who found themselves join-

The lyncs, by Dr. Mahmoud

Shalabi, were in colloquial Ara-

bic and were understood by peo-

ple of all ages. Sometimes the

simple sentences carried mean-

ings that only the adults could fully comprehend in their larger worlds but the children were en-

couraged to understand the feel-

ings, if not the overall perspec-

The play also included ideas,

designed to keep children who

have been exposed to highly-

professional entertainment on television, involved in the activi-

ties by using special effects and

lively music. The space age

apparatus was just one attraction,

a bicycle show another.

ing in with the beat.

appeal to them.

The set, costumes, and the

The Jordan country paper entitled "advancement in Jordanian rural development during 1980-85 and the future programme for 1986-90 in Jordan" reviewed Jordan's achievements and pointed out where improvement was

During its deliberations the conference will focus on the following working papers: disaster management; dryland farming and wasteland development; ru-ral health and family planning in Jordan; rural water supply systems in Jordan and the management of rural development prog-

On Tuesday evening Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber, minister of municipal and rural affairs and the environment, was elected president of the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation (AARRO) during the organisation's executive committee

meeting.
In his acceptance speech Mr. Al Jaber expressed his gratitude and said: "I do not consider this a great honour to me personally. but to the government and people

Mr. Al Jaber underlined the importance of the organisation in assisting and developing rural people and enabling them to settle down and become productive, instead of relying on their govern-

A new president is elected every three years when the AAR-RO regional conference is con-

In an earlier interview with the Jordan Times, Mr. Burqan said that over the past 25 years, AAR-RO has been able to make contributions in the field of rural reconstruction and development. The organisation is open to any country in Africa or Asia which is a full or associate member of the United Nations or any of its specialised agencies or any organisation or foundation concerned with the development of rural

To facilitate cooperation and coordination, AARRO decided to open regional offices of which only two: one in Seoul for the Far East and the second in Jordan for the Middle East, are presently operating. Others are planned in Ghana (for West Africa) and Ethiopia, for East and Central Africa.

annual working programme for the office will be formulated and implemented after the approval of the secretary general (with the consent of the government).

and entertainment for all the family

## **AWF** meeting calls for greater role of women in various

fields AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Women's Federation (AWF) Wednesday concluded a threeday meeting in Amman and issued a set of recommendations which, among other things, called on Arah governments to give greater attention to women's issues and to involve more women in economic, social, cultural and political affairs.

The involvement of Arah women in these fields is bound to contribute to national development and to provide sufficient support for all women's unions to enable them to shoulder their responsibilities, a statement ssued at the final session said.

The delegates called on Arah governments to forego their diferences and to try and unify their ranks and holster solidarity among Arah countries in order to enable the Arab nation to confront the challenges and threats it

The delegates voiced their sup-port for the Palestinian people in their confrontation with the Israeli authorities and for the Iraqi people in fighting Iranian aggression directed against the whole Arab nation.

They voiced support for women's union activities designed to support Iraqi women who, the statement said, share the task of confronting Iran's aggression against their country. The delegates called for constant contacts to be made with various Arah and international organisations to help promote the AWF's work. A unanimous decision was taken to hold the next AWF meeting in Morocco.

The meeting, which opened on Sunday under the patronage of-Her Majesty Queen Noor, discussed a host of subjects pertaining to women's union activities and also heard a report on the federation's work in the United Arah Emirates where the AWF conducted a survey on women's social and economic conditions. They also reviewed a report on the women's federation in Iraq.

The AWP was founded in 1944 when it convened its first conference in Cairo, which was chosen to be the federation's headquarters. The last conference was held in 1981 in Baghdad, which became the AWF's new headquar-Delightful local play provides fun

## Khatib calls for maximising use of Arab satellites

now taking part in the sixth conference of Arab culture ministers, Wednesday called for utilising the Arab satellites to promote Arab culture and encourage Arab cultural cooperation. He also said that the material presented via Arab satellites should be of a high standard in order to build Arab identity and to stem cultural invaty. The Jordanian proposal was mendations.

DAMASCUS (Petra) - Minister welcomed by Arab ministers of of Information and Culture culture; they recommended that a Mohammad Al Khatib, who is study on this issue be conducted.

During their Wednesday's sessions, the Arab ministers called for enriching Euro-Arah cultural dialogue and for supporting Arab cultural cooperation. They also called for supporting Arab cultural projects and institutions. The conference is scheduled to hold its final session later Thursday dursion directed against Arab identi- ing which it will issue its recom-

## Italian experts look into Irbid's tourism potential

Irbid Governorate held a meeting here Wednesday under the chairmanship of Mr. Akram Al Naser, the governor of Irbid, with the participation of an Italian team of specialists on tourism and urban

planning. A number of subjects pertaining to stimulating tourism were broached during the meeting. These included proposals for organising recreational trips at fixed rates to encourage tourists to come to the governorate's various attractions and for educating school children on Jordan's various tourist and archaeological

Proposals also included setting

IRBID (Petra) — A committee the needs of tourists from Jordan assigned to stimulate tourism in and abroad. These villages would and abroad. These villages would provide libraries, theatres, playgrounds and shopping centres that would remain open throughout the year. The committee suggested organising seminars and conferences at the tourist sites to attract visitors, planting more trees on hills and valleys, stopping the encroachment of urban regions on archaeological sites, especially in Jerash and Um Oais, and providing sufficient funds for the restoration of ancient and archaeological areas in the

The Italian team is now touring the Irbid Governorate at the invitation of the committee to draw up tourist villages, each with up a comprehensive programme 1,200 beds, which could cater to for promoting tourism.

## Jordanian farmers contribute to Iraq's agricultural sector

BAGHDAD (Petra) - Mr. Izzat Ministry to work for several years Ibrahim, deputy chairman of the Iraqi revolutionary command council, has paid tribute to Jordanian farmers living and working in Iraq for their contribution to the agricultural sector and application of the Iraqi cropping pattern system based on growing

wheat and cotton in rotation. Mr. Ibrahim, who was speaking at a meeting with a number of Jordanian farmers working in Daiali governorate in Iraq, said that Jordanian farmers have effectively contributed towards the overall agricultural development of Iraq hy improving and have reflected positively on the development of Jordanian Iraq relations, Mr. Ibrahim continued.

A number of Jordanian farmers had earlier concluded contracts with the Iraqi Agriculture everyday.

in Iraq cultivating irrigated plots of land each 50 dunums in size provided by the Iraqi ministry together with farm implements

and machinery.
The Jordan News Agency, Petra, conducted an interview with some of the Jordanian farmers in Iraq and learnt that they were on contract to grow vegetables under plastic sheets imported from Jordan. The farmers said that they have succeeded in growing watermelons, cucumbers and eggplants with each dunum of cultivated land yielding some 12 tonnes of eggplants, seven tonnes of increasing agricultural produc-tion. Jordanian farmers' efforts, bear According to the farmers, nearly 400 Joydanian families are employed: in Iraq at present, jointly producing 350 tonnes of melons, 3,200 tonnes of eggplants and 150 tonnes of cucumbers

## Council discusses compendium on Arab chemical industries

AMMAN (Petra) — Delegates viewed the activities of various taking part in the ninth meeting Arab chemists associations and of the Higher Council of the Arab Chemists Federation (ACF) continued their sessions Wednesday by reviewing the progress on an Arab compendium.

The compendium of the AcP, and also reviewed administrative and financial reports on ACF's activities, including seminars and conferences in which it partici-When completed, the compendium will serve as a general refer-ence for chemical industries in the Arab World.

their cooperation with the ACF,

the Arab World.

The meeting also endorsed a general budget for 1987. At the meeting, the delegates also re
The meeting was opened by Minister of Higher Education Nassereddine Al Assad at the Plaza Hotel in Amman on Tuesday.

Israelis beat up 47 Arab students

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frequent stone-throwing attacks on Israeli soldiers and vehicles. Three Jewish settlers were freed on bail on Wednesday after they were arrested for temporarily kidnapping an eight-year-old Palestinian boy who had stoned their car as they passed the Beirj refugee camp - south of Gaza on Monday.

In another development, Israeli President Chaim Herzog on Wednesday reduced by three months a seven-year prison sent-ence of a Jewish terrorist convicted of involvement in anti-Arab attacks in the occupied West Bank, Mr. Herzog's office

Yitzhak Ganiram will now be released in 18 months if a third of his term is cut, as is customary,

for "good behaviour." Many of the other Israeli settiers who belonged to the 28member terror organisation known as the "Jewish Under-ground" have had their sentences communed by Mr. Herzog after

they expressed regret. Eight members of the group are still in prison. Ganiram has convicted of involvement in a 1980 carbombing attack that maimed two Palesti-

nian mayors and an assault in

## 1982 on the Islamic College in Hebron. Three Arab students

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opening for the PLO in southern Lebanon," he said. He conceded that the number of Palestinian fighters in that area had grown in recent years to some 4,000, but he also noted what he described as the enmity of the Shi'ite population to a renewed presence

Mr. Murphy said Israel keeps less than 1,000 soldiers in its self-styled "security zone" in South Lebanon on a "contingency" basis. Israel has never specified the number of troops it main-

tains in the occupied zone. partment spokesman Charles Redman said he had no analysis to offer concerning the Palesti-nian meetings in Algiers which are attended by most of the PLO

can't offer anything further.' He said he did not have anything new to offer on Palestinian resistance attacks on Israel across the Lebanese border on Sunday's commando raid. Redman said he could not "pinpoint responsibility for that attack." Fatch, the mainstream PLO commando group, claimed responsibility for the

Peres said Mr. Araft's realliance with Palestinian hardliners would not foil moves toward a Middle East peace conference, newspapers reported Wednesday.

"We will advance towards peace without Arafat," the daily Haaretz quoted Mr. Peres as telling members of his Labour Party. We will go on seeking ways to talk with Jordan, with residents of the occupied territories and

# Muasher outlines projects to be presented to Arab investors during conference in Kuwait

By Rana Sabbagh

AMMAN — In an ambitious drive to attract more foreign investment, the private and public sectors in Jordan have prepared 25 potential economic projects for consideration by financers in Arab Gulf states during the Jordan Investment Promotional Conference, to open in Kuwait on Saturday.

Rajai Muasher said Wednesday that a package of 25 potential schemes worth \$600 million will be discussed by Jordanian and Gulf state officials and businessmen during the two-day gathering.

These projects aim at encouraging investment in the areas of industry, agriculture, finance and tourism and follow a series of government incentives and tax exemptions covering local, Arab and foreign investment.

The Kuwait assembly is the first product of the joint Jordanian-Knwaiti ministerial committee for economic cooperation, founded last October following Prime Minister Zaid Rifai's official visit to Kuwait.

It is expected that the conference will provide the opportunity for Jordan to discuss with Kuwaiti, Saudi and other Gulf organisations these 25-schemes on which preliminary feasibility studies have been conducted, he told a press conference on Wednesday. In marketing these projects, the Jordanian side will focus on four-main reasons Jordan as a potential country for investment: the political stability the country enjoys; official support to individual and private sector initiatives regarding socio-economic development; the highly-skilled Jordanian manpower and the availability of some limited natural resources including potash, phosphates and

Asked what Jordan expected in terms of concrete investment results from the Kuwait assembly, he said that the Kingdom was counting more on setting up dialogue with potential financers, rather than attracting funds for these schemes. However, we hope to get at least "three approvals" for our 25-submitted projects, he added.

mineral salts from the Dead Sea.

Senior Ministry of Trade and Industry officials had previously indicated that Jordan would be satisfied if it managed to get a total of JD 15 million in Arah ing the meeting.

The investment promotional conference drew some mixed reactions from a number of Jordanian economists. On an optimistic note, economic experts said that Kuwait and other Arah countries have expressed interest in supporting Jordan through investment rather than through direct financial aid and are expected to endorse some of the proposed schemes.

Other economists believe the conference would find it difficult to market all of the many projects

Trade and Industry Minister whilst those with a non-committal but cautious approach said they felt that the conference would succeed in attracting more investments into Jordan, which already has the basic infrastructure for the proposed projects. They also referred to the 1987 law on investments which contains highly

encouraging investment incen-

Dr. Muasher appeared highly optimistic about the conference's effects and said the gathering would shed more light on why some financers would be willing to invest here and why others might not. "This will certainly allow us to evaluate our past and present experience with investment and come out with new resolutions to stem any loopholes in the government procedures to

encourage investments in Jor-dan," said Dr. Muasher. He expected that the presented projects on agriculture and financial investment would be taken up first to be followed by prochrement in industry and

Following are some of the major projects to be submitted to the conference under the industrial sector: Compound fertilisers (NPK), soda ash, phosphoric acid industrial, food and others (in cooperation with the United attending the conference.

Arab Emirates, UAE) phosphoric acid (in cooperation with India), glass containers, Arah engineering industries for iron foundries, super phosphates (in cooperation with Pakistan), and super phosphates (in cooperation with Bangladesh).

The Ministry of Agriculture has four projects for potential investments in animal husbandry, cereals in Jordan's southern and eastern regions, two other schemes for potato and vegetable seeds, a plan for producing red meat and another for freezing

Touristic projects to be submit-ted to the gathering focus on setting up an Arah tourist village, developing Aqaba's sonthern shore, and establishing the Sultan Qaboos Touristic village there.

Potential partnership in the Jordanian-Arah Company for Reinsurance is another scheme to he discussed at the Kuwaiti gathering, in addition to other projects submitted in Jordan's working plan in the field of fi-

The Jordanian delegation groups Finance Minister Hanna Odeh, under secretaries at the Trade and Industry Ministry and the Planning Ministry, as well as heads of Jordan's main industrial, financial and investment institutions and presidents of companies and associations. Huge private and public sector companies from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Ahu Dhahi working in the fields of investment, banking, petroleum, insurance, real estate, industrial, food and others will be

## Lebanese cabinet meets today

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Gemayel in January was not all sides. enough. The minimum wage, which public and private sectors should observe, is now 3,250 pounds (\$28) per month.

The consumer cooperative in Beirut estimates that prices of consumer goods have risen an average 59 per cent in the first three months of the year, while the price of medical supplies rose by 100 per cent."

Lebanon imports about 85 per cent of what it consumes and price rises follow a collapse in the international value of the Lebanese pound — 28 per cent so far this year, closing on Wednes-day at 114.75 pounds to the dollar.

The pound, highly sensitive to local and regional political tension, has lost 84 per cent of its value since January 1986, when a

The boycott began after Mr. Gemayel failed to endorse a Syrian-sponsored peace accord signed by the three chief rival militias on political reforms to end the 12-year-old Lebanon

Months of recent high-level

talks in Damascus have failed to find a new formula acceptable to

AP adds: Two dynamite bombs exploded in west Beirut on Wednesday, raising to 74 the number of such attacks in the capital's Syrian-policed sector in seven weeks. Police said windows were shat-

tered and set cars ahlaze hut no one was injured in the hlasts in the Barbour and Dana residential districts shortly after midnight and at mid-morning.

The dynamite sticks apparently

were tossed either from a moving car or by a pedestrian who fled, police said.

No group has claimed responsibility for any of the bombings, which appear to be aimed at discrediting Syria's law enforcement in west Beirut.

The daily paper As Safir said ministerial hoyeott of Mr.
Gemayel started. The pound then stood at 18 to the dollar.

13 unnamed suspects have been arrested in connection with the bombing rash. The hlasts have bombing rash. The hlasts have occurred almost daily since Syria deployed 7,500 troops in west Benut on Feb. 22. The intervention was requested

by five Muslim government leaders to curb three years of militia anarchy that culminated in a week of factional fighting.



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## Lina Al Tal, playing Laila, drew the attention of the audience with her almost spontaneous acting which made everyone feel that she was not acting but rather living Laila's dilemma of how to

eturn home. good and the bad witches. Hala and ID Lina's companions on the Khoury, the bad witch, played groups.

Khalil Mustafa and Hussein Abu Hamad, playing the scarecrow, the tinman and the lion, all tried to involve the children from the audience with the conversation on stage by asking them questions and allowing them to join in with their comments whenever they

Delightful, bright set design by Midmac design (above) provides a fairytale, magic backdrop for the antics of Luila, the scarecrow, the timman and the lion on their journey along the Green Road (below).

Good v. bad

felt like it.

Green Road; Daoud Jalajel,

The element of good and bad was also introduced through the her role very well and was able to convey the grim feeling associ-ated with bad spirits to the audience through her costume and face makeup and threats.

The play is the first in a series of projects which the Noor Al Hussein Foundation hopes to accomplish within their education through theatre programme.

"The Green Road" will be on show for the next twelve days. Prices are JD 2 for adults, JD 1 for children accompanied by family and JD .500 for organised school Murphy: PLO set back peace chance That's one of the reasons why I

of the PLO in their villages.

Earlier on Tuesday, State De-

"I don't have any analysis to offer today," he said. "The meeting is still ongoing in Algiers. grown," Mr. Peres said.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon

other neighbours in the Middle East. The chances for peace have

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## Let superpowers lead the way

THE Soviet Union and the United States are both known to have offered to provide protection to international shipping in the Gulf region, and both superpowers are known to be maintaining naval presence off the shores of Iran and other Arab Gulf states. Both superpowers could be sincere in their attempt to stem attacks on commercial vessels visiting the Gulf, and the presence of their military force in the region could in fact corroborate that claim. Iran is known to have deployed missiles along its Gulf shores, and has been threatening free shipping and posing danger to Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and littoral states. It should also be said that protecting sea lanes in international waters remains an international responsibility and the superpowers should not be left to bandle this task all by themselves without support from other nations of the world. For this reason we strongly support a call by the Soviet Union to convene an international conference about protecting commercial shipping in the Gulf and discussing ways to end the Iran-Iraq war. There should not be any obstacles or difficulties in organising this conference since both superpowers have shown concern over the issue of Gulf shipping and both have displayed desire to provide protection for free shipping.

The Soviet Union made the proposal through its Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky who is currently on a tour of the Gulf states. Mr. Petrovsky was propagating Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's ideas for which Moscow seems to have secured support from the Gulf countries.

Since Iran adamantly refuses any talk about peace with Iraq and has turned down all bids by various organisations to end the conflict through negotiations, then the idea of an international conference could be a viable method for attempting a settlement, or at least a means for preventing the 61/2-year-old conflict from spilling over to new zones or threatening commercial shipping vital not only for the Arabs but also for East and Western powers and the world at large.

Since everything else has failed to date to bring an end to the war in the Gulf, it is only reasonable for world nations to give backing for the idea of an international conference and allow the two superpowers to lead the way for peace.

## **ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS**

### Al Ra'i: A bond that needs no accord

THE Jordanian-Palestinian relationship did not start with the 1985 Feb. 11 agreement and therefore abrogating this agreement by the PLO does not mean an end to that relationship. That is the theme of the official Jordanian reaction to the PLO's Algiers statement that contained the organisation's decision of abrogation. The peoples of Jordan and Palestine have been living in harmony, joined strongly together by national, historie and other ties, and their unity is one of destiny and the problem of Palestine is one for both sides who have been equally sharing the sacrifice and the aspirations. The Amman accord of Feb. 11, 1985, aimed at putting the Jordanian-Palestinian concept in ink and paper, after the two have actually fused the unity by blood and sacrifice and mutual aspirations. This agreement also aimed at giving the Jordanian-Palestinian diplomatic efforts further momentum for convening the proposed international Middle East peace conference and enabling the PLO to take part in that conference because it is the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Despite the abrogation of the agreement, and regardless of the developments in the Jordanian-PLO relations, Jordan has been reiterating a call for the participation of the PLO in the coming conference to take up its role in determining the future of the occupied Palestinian land. The official Jordanian statement made it clear again that the Palestinian people will remain the only responsible party for deciding on its future. Jordan will remain concerned in this issue and will do all it can to help the Palestinians regain their rights and their lands.

#### Al Dustour: Jordan adheres to the historic bond

IN true adherence to its positive and national stands. Jordan yesterday reacted to the PLO's decision to abrogate the 1985 Feb. 11 agreement with Jordan by announcing again that it will maintain the strongest possible ties with the Palestinian people. A statement in the wake of the PLO's Algiers decision said that Jordan will disregard any side issues and will continue to support the higher national rights of the Palestinian people and maintain the strong ties that bind the Jordanians and Palestinians together. The official statement said that the Feb. 11 agreement will continue to serve as a beacon, lighting the way for Jordan in all its endeavours on all fronts to achieve the liberation of the occupied Palestinian land and the restoration of the rights of the Palestinian people. For Jordan, the Feb. 11 agreement came as a joint Jordanian-Palestinian bid to pave the way for the PLO to take part in the proposed international peace conference. This agreement which was based on the Arab Fez summit resolutions served as an impetus for Jordan to maintain its support for the Palestinian people under Israeli rule. With or without the agreement Jordan will therefore move ahead with plans to try to convene the international conference and achieve a just and durable peace.

### Sawt Al Shaab: Jordan remains committed

JORDAN maintains a unique relation with Palestine; and the PLO decision to abrogate the Feb. 11, 1985 agreement can by no means change this situation. The Jordanians and Palestinians actually form one people through their geographical, historical unity and their joint aspirations and destiny. This is a historic fact that has been reaffirmed by Jordan all the time, and has been the main concern for this country which has been continuing serious endeavours to convene an international conference for the sake of arriving at a lasting peace that would regain Arab rights and lands. When Jordan signed the agreement in 1985, its main target was to involve the PLO in the coming international conference in the light of the Arab League and Arab summit resolutions and principles. Jordan has been striving to involve the PLO in the conference because it believes that the PLO is the representative of the Palestinian people and the Feb. 11 agreement had been a joint endeavour based on the resolutions of the Fez Arab summit. Jordan will remain committed to the Palestine cause and to serving the Palestinian people, and will never hesitate to exercise its role. Therfore, Jordan will not allow the PLO abrogation decision to form any obstacle in the current endeavours for a just and durable settlement that can restore the rights of the Palestinian

# Murphy outlines U.S. Mideast policies

WASHINGTON — The United States is engaged in diplomatic efforts to help bring an end to the fran-Iraq war, Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy informed a congressional subcom-

He told the House Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East April 21 that within the next few weeks the Reagan Administration will receive an Arab League delegation in Washington to consider the Gulf war issue. And he expressed satisfaction with the Organisation of Islamic Conference, which committed itself at its summit in Kuwait in January to a further mediation

"We wish it well," said Murphy, who serves as assistant secretary for Near Eastern and

South Asian affairs. He said that heeding President Reagan's statement in January -"the time to act on this dangerous and destructive war is now" the United States has been striving for a negotiated settlement through consultations at the United Nations and in a host of capitals; in Moseow during Secretary of State Shultz's recent trip there; and in regional states whose "interests are immediately and profoundly at stake in this tragic and relentless war."

"This process is on-going, and we are committed to it," Murphy stated. But he said he saw no sign that Iran is prepared to take part in negotiations to settle the war "except on its terms."

He assured the congressional panel that the United States seeks no confrontation with Iran ... but there will be no substantial improvement in relations as long as Iran supports terrorism and seeks to undermine friendly governments in the Gulf."

Regarding other interests of the United States in the Middle East, he told the subcommittee they include ensuring the unimpeded flow of oil; guaranteeing Israel's qualitative military edge; helping America's Arab friends meet their defence needs and remain secure; and restricting Soviet influence.

He called bilateral negotiations the only practical vehicle for arriving at a comprehensive settlement" of the Arab-Israeli confrontation. At the same time, he said, the United States is sceptical about the prospects for success of an international conference on the Middle East.

Touching on the Lebanon situation, Murphy voiced support for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), calling it "an important element and for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

Following is the text of Mur-

## Kaddoumi spells out PLO terms

(Continued from page 1) "turning point in the history of the PLO," and expressed confidence that "no effort aimed at undermining the (new-found) Palestinian unity will succeed. Abdul Rahman said the Algiers meetings "signalled a new era in efforts for achieving the goal of an independent Palestinian

In answer to a question why Algeria was reportedly not receptive to the idea of receiving the Arab Steadfastness and Confrontation Front, the PLO spokesman, who is close to Chairman Arafat, said: "On this issue, we think differently from the way Algerians think." He did not

AP adds from Rome: Former Italian Premier Bettino Craxi was quoted Wednesday as saying that Mr. Arafat was an "imbecile" for reconciling with Palestinian

Mr. Craxi, who resigned last month after more than 31/2 years in office as Italy's first Socialist premier, was interviewed by Rome's La Repubblica news-

He was asked about the PNC meeting in Algiers.

Among those attending the Algiers meeting is Mohammad Abbas, who is wanted in Italy and the United States as the alleged mastermind of the 1985 hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille

Mr. Kaddoumi, addressing the Palestine National Council (PNC), said the PLO was committed to continuing dialogue with Jordan and establishing a framework for relations with the Kingdom in accordance with the resolutions of the 17th session of the PNC. He said the organisation was committed to the confederation formula between Josdan and an independent Palesti-

nian state. Mr. Kaddoumi said that, at this point, an international conference was a feasible option being supported by the European Community, the Non-Aligned Movement and the Soviet Union.

phy's prepared statement to the terests are immediately and pro-

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

welcome this opportunity to discuss with you developments in the Middle East since I last met with the Subcommittee. I have noted, in recent weeks, that questions have been raised about whether the Administration has a consistent Middle East policy. I want to assure you that this Administration is actively engaged in working for peace and stability in the Middle East and in so doing, is protecting important U.S. national interests in the re-

I have outlined for this Committee on a number of occasions those interests, but perhapsshould restate them again today. We seek to ensure the flow of oil to ourselves, our friends and allies; to guarantee Israel's qualitative military edge and help our Arab friends meet their legitimate defence needs and remain secure and stable; and to restrict the spread of Soviet influence. Our policies are designed to advance those objectives.

#### The Gulf war

As the President noted in his statements of January and February, the dangers inherent in the Iran-Iraq war are growing. Tensions and alarm have increased both as a result of fighting on the ground as well as continuing attacks on international shipping and on facilities of non-belligerent Arab Gulf states. The Iranian decision to test the Silkworm anti-ship missile in the Strait of Hormuz constitutes another rachetting up of pressures. While ground fighting is at a low ebb as we meet. Iran continues to threaten - and be posed to launch - additional offensives against Iraqi forces. As for Iraq, it has over the past year demonstrated repeatedly that its defences are strong and capable. Perhaps most importantly I regret to report that we see no sign from the Iranian government that it is prepared to become engaged in a negotiated settlement of the war except on its terms.

The United States bas critical intetests in the Persian Gulf as a region. These economic, political and strategic interests require what we are doing: firm action in support of our traditional friends, clear public declaration of our interests and views, active diplomatic efforts to end the war and, over the longterm, willingness to re-establish a normal relationship with Iran when its actions make such a relationship Since January we have been

involved in a major diplomatie effort to explore ways in which the international community can take more effective action to bring a rapid end to the war. As the President urged in his January statement, "the time to act on this dangerous and destructive war is now." We have initiated consultations in New York, under the umbrella of the U.N. Secretary General, as well as in capitals, about how the Security Council could play a more forceful role in encouraging the belligerents to seek a negotiated peace. Efforts to end the war through negotiation were discussed in Moscow during the Secretary's recent trip. Further, we have urged regional states to contribute to this diplomatic effort - as their in-

foundly at stake in this tragic and releutless war. This process is on-going; and we are committed

to it. Within the next weeks, we expect to receive a high-level Arab League delegation in Washington to discuss this important issue. We welcome the visit as well as the efforts being made by other governments to take initiatives which will help, over time, to coordinate international efforts to end the war. We were also pleased to learn that the Organisation of Islamic Conference in its late January summit in Kuwait committed itself to a further mediation effort. We wish it well.

In the meantime, and in concert with our multilateral efforts. we are vigorously pursuing our Operation Staunch policy - the importance of which the President underscored in the February 25 statement. The goal of Operation Staunch most simply put is to deny Iran the military wherewithal to continue to press this dangerous war. Impeding and complicating the flow of arms to Iran is an important, possibly critical, part of the overall effort to convince the Iranians of the futility of continuing this tragic

Our Operation Staunch efforts have continued at a high pace. As instances of Western European, Latin American and East Asian firms doing arms business with Iran have been discovered, we have made strong and high-level approaches to the relevant governments, urging them to intervene to stop shipments of arms to Iran. Our efforts are working, though they have not produced a total cut-off arms from free world In recent weeks we have reaf-

firmed to the moderate Arab

states of the Gulf our commitment to help in their individual and collective self-defence against external aggression, such as Iranian attacks on facilities of non-belligerent states like Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates and on neutral international shipping in and near the strait of Hormuz. We share with these moderate Gulf states fundamental interests - to ensure the free flow of oil, to restrict Soviet influence in the area, to prevent the spread of fundamentalist radicalism aimed at undermining their political stabildefence for their own interests. We concur that they should be. It is our responsibility to help ensure they have the means to selves. That is why the sale of U.S. military equipment to these countries to meet legitimate defensive needs is so important. We have closely consulted with this Committee and others in Congress on these prospective sales. We will not oursue sales that will reduce Israel's qualitative edge, but we must be a reliable supplier to these Gulf nations.

Because of the importance we attach to freedom of navigation, our commitment to ensure the free flow of oil through the Strait of Hormuz and our close relations with the Gulf states, we are discussing with them the threat posed to neutral shipping by Iranian attacks. As part of these discussions, we are consulting with Kuwait about the registering of some of its oil tankers as U.S. flag vessels. With the registration of these ships in the U.S., they will be entitled to the same protected status afforded other U.S.

Richard Murphy

ships transiting the Gulf. We have conveyed our serious concern about the presence of Chinese-origin Silkworm missiles near the Strait of Hormuz to the government of Iran. Iran understands clearly our position on the threat which these anti-ship weapons have added to an already unstable situation. We are urging other nations, more dependent than we on Gulf oil, to make their concerns known to the Iranians. The stakes are too high for international passivity in this

While we will meet our commitments in the Gulf to the principle of freedom of navigation, to ensure the free flow of oil and to help our friends meet their legitimate defence needs, we seek no confrontation with Iran. We are making sure Iran understands our views and commitments since we believe such clarity serves as a deterrent and helps prevent Iranian actions based on miscalculations. We would welcome better relations. We would be prepared to consider responding to any authoritative message from Iran, but there will be no substantial improvement in relations as long as Iran supports terrorism and seeks to undermine friendly governments in the Gulf.

#### The Mideast peace process

The goal of a comprehensive Arab-Israeb peace remains a high priority for this Administration, Mr. Chairman. We continue our efforts to build on the foundation of peace between Israel and Egypt. We are convinced that a just and enduring settlement can only be achieved through bilaterity. These countries want and al negotiations, between Israel expect to be the first line of , and its Arab neighbours. Bilateral negotiations are, on our view, the only practical vehicle for arriving at a comprehensive settlement.

We are prepared to discuss with the parties arrangements necessary to begin direct negotiations. We would support procedural steps which are acceptable to them and which will lead to face-to-face negotiations. We understand the importance to the Arab side of an international context for bilateral negotiations although we have long expressed our scepticism of the utility and the risks of an international conference. Any international mechanism, to be acceptable to the United States, would have to meet our strict criteria: It would have to lead immediately to faceto-face negotiations and could not interfere with those negotiations whether by arrogating to itself the authority to impose solutions on the regional parties or to

veto agreements they may reach.
We continue to discuss these issues with our friends in the region. The peace process figured importantly in Israeli Prime

visit in February. President Reagan and Secretary Shultz reiterated our strong commitment to achieving progress toward a peace settlement, and Prime Minister Shamir agreed that we must continue the search for a way to get to direct negotiations while expressing his clear opposition to an international conference. We remain engaged with Israeli leaders to help resolve their differences with Jordan over the way to bilateral, face-to-face negotiations.

The peace process was also an important component of our discussions with Jordan's Prime within which we must work. Minister · Zaid Rifai. · Among other issues, we considered the question of an international conference in some detail. Mr. Rifai underlined Jordan's long-held view that bilateral negotiations must occur in the context of an international conference, one that includes both the regional parties and the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. Our discussions with . Mr. Rifai were positive in tone and conducted in a problem-solving spirit. Procedural issues were discussed in greater detail than heretofore, indicating a serious

commitment to making progress. All the parties in the Middle East see dangers in inactivity and believe further progress can be achieved in moving toward negotiations. As we have seen again over the past two weeks, the status quo exacts a tragic human toll on both Israelis and Palestimans. In recent months, a number of Palestinians, including students, have been killed and wounded in confrontations with Israeli forces. During the same period, Israeli civilians have been killed and wounded in acts of violence by Palestinians. Stringent Israeli security measures may temporarily reduce the casualties. But such measures tend to increase resentment that can lead to more violence and raise serious questions regarding respect for human rights and individual freedoms. At the same time, Palestinians must realise that violence benefits only extremists and damages efforts being made to achieve their legitimate rights. We will continue to urge maximum restraint on all sides and to work with them to improve the environment for progress toward reconciliation

· We also telliain strongly sopportive of activities designed to enhance the quality of Palestinian life in the West Bank and Gaza. Israel and Jordan recognise, as ground cannot substitute for a peace process and cannot be sustained over time unless there is hope among the Palestinians of movement toward a peaceful settlement. However, improving their quality of life is an important complement to the process of peace. Our direct assistance, carried out by private voluntary organisations, continues to be a highly visible and successful demonstration of the American people's commitment to social and economic development for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.

and peace.

For its part, the Government of Jordan has decided to pursue a comprehensive plan of development assistance for the West Bank and Gaza, in addition to its programme for East Bank development. In view of our close relationship with Jordan and our

territories, we have fully endorsed this initiative. We strongly support this Jordanian programme, both through our own contributions to date and our encouragement of other countries to contribute to this programme. We recognise that Jordan's programme needs additional resources and are examining ways we might help. We believe that a substantial increase in our contribution this year would further energise the programme and encourage other donors to participate. At the same time, we have discussed frankly with Jordan's leaders the budgetary constraints

In Lebanon we confinne to support an end to fighting, restoration of stability and reestablishment of the anthority of the

Lebanese government. UNIFIL is an important element of stability in South Lebanon. We strongly support UNI-FIL's continued operations the south. I regret that the Administration's request for UNIFIL funding in the supplement for the President's budget for Fiscal Year 87, which took fully into account the need for budgetary stringency, has been disapproved by the House Appropriations Committee. We hope that the requested

funding will be restored. We have been seriously concerned about the plight of Palestinian civilians in refugee camps near Berrut, Sidon and Tyre. We have repeatedly called for a cease-fire and for regular, safe access to the camps for international humanitarian, agencies. The situation has improved somewhat since February, when conditions were appalling, but regular supplies of food and medicine are still not assured. We support UN-RWA's efforts to gain access and are considering ways to respond positively to UNRWA's

emergency appeal.

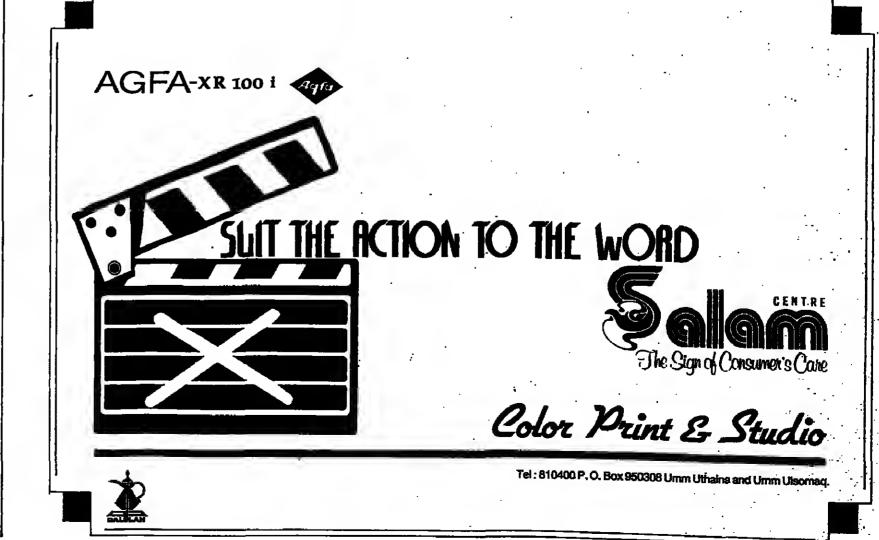
We follow closely developments in Beirut. In February, Syria deployed several thousand troops to West Beirut in response to a request from Lebanese Muslim cabinet ministers. In addition, on April 14, about 100 Syrian soldiers joined units of the Lebanese Army's 12th brigade at checkpoints on the coast road between Beirut and Sidon. We have made clear that we continue

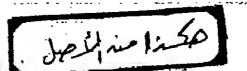
foreign forces from Lebanon, and that we will judge Syrian actions according to how they help the Lebanese government restore its

## Egypt

President Mubarak has publicly pledged to strengthen democracy in Egypt. We are encouraged by the results of the parliamentary elections held earlier this month, which saw about 4000 candidates competing in a lively campaign for the 448 seats. While President Mubarak's National Democratie Party maintained a solid majority, the number of independents and opposition candidates in the Assembly increased substantially (to 100 seats) and now more closely match their percentage of the popular vote.

To return to my original point, the Administration is actively involved in pursuing our national interests in the Middle East, and, I can assure the Committee, will continue this imvolvement until commitment to improving the we achieve our objectives—U.S. conditions for Palestinians in the Information Agency.





# The renaissance of a Renaissance idea

Child Development Centre proposed for Florence

THE period of the Renaissance (roughly, from the 14th-17th centuries) in Italy marks a watershed in the history of human achievement. As its name indicates, the Renaissance was a time of rebirth - following centuries of what have been called the 'Dark Ages" — a time which has influenced the thought and course of Western civilisation up to the present day.

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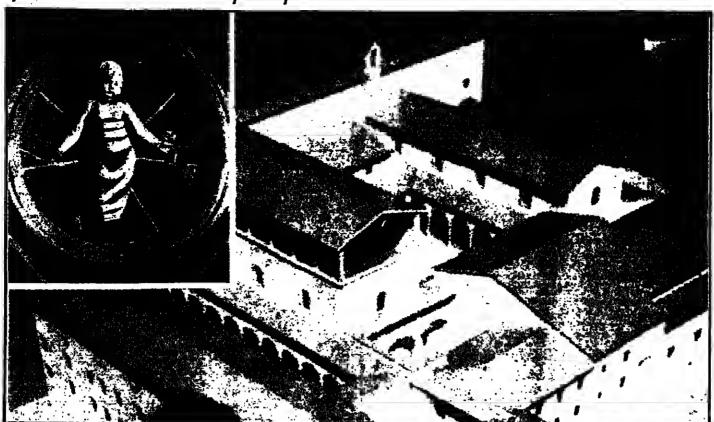
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It was not only painting and sculpture which found new life during this period. Just about every field of human endeavour and concern was touched by the rigorous revival. Thus it should come as no

surprise that from the Renaissance emerged an ethic and a method of caring for destitute children, so surprising in modemity, in fact that they can still inform and guide us in our pre-sent age. Given the recent agreements signed by the government of Italy and UNICEF, this legacy of child care from the Renais ance is on its way to acquiring global dimensions

In the city of Florence, five centuries ago an epicenter of the awakening, a Child Development Centre will be opening. Funded by the government of Italy, the Centre's functions and activities are still in the planning stages, but it is envisioned that it will provide a focus for international efforts to promote child development. It will be the huh of a whole array of struggles to plan and mobilise action for children. to communicate and stimulate endeavours to nurture and protect them — in short, a centre of learning, exchange and advocacy for children, the first of its kind.



Spedale Delgi Innocenti

Yet what will make the Child Development Centre a special place from the outset is the building it will occupy, given as a gift by the Italian government to UN-ICEF. It is a building for foundling children constructed in the 15th century, known as the Spedale degli Innocenti, which translates roughly as Hospital of the Innocents, roughly because the word "hospital" must be understood in a now archaic sense — as

a charitable institution devoted to the first baby admitted on Friday,

Indeed, for five centuries the Spedale was one of the first institutions huilt to care for children — innocents — continuously, and with such meticulous attention as to humble the most hardened denizen of our presently proud age. Records of every child that passed through its doors still exist today. They

caring for its charges in the fullest February 5, 1445 A.D., at 1:00

abandoned children, and it had the enlightened objective of making sure that these children, deserted "against the law of human nature" became productive citizens of Florentine society. The Spedale was built in a central tell us that Agatha Smeralda was location, and the majority of chil-

dren were given out in the care of surrogate mothers. Women from the city and the countryside were paid modest salaries for their service as wet-nurses and guardians, as were servants of wealthier families.

Each child was provided with a sealed tin case containing the record of his or her birth, health and growth and other relevant information. Legal adoption was encouraged, but in the majority of

cases, children were placed temporarily in foster homes and returned to the Spedale at the age of seven. Boys were given a basie education and placed in one of the many artisan workshops in the city. Girls worked principally for the Gmld of Silkmakers... While many stayed on in the service of the Spedale, others became nuns or married with dowries provided by the institu-

The Spedale, from the very beginning, was equipped with an infirmary and a pharmacy under the direction of a doctor, and in the wake of a smallpox epidemic in the 18th century, began experimentation on a vaccine. This led, in 1822, to the founding of the Instituto Vaccinogeno Toscano within the complex which began supplying the provinces of Tus-cany with vaccine.

It is illuminating to consider the legacy of the Spedale degli Innocenti in light of the efforts UNICEF is currently making on behalf of children. There is a curious confluence in the ethic of caring for children, and the methods thereof, practiced by the two institutions. The Spedale had its wemurses, its tin box of health records, its attempts at vaccinations; UNICEF promotes breastfeeding, growth monitoring, and immunisation as the fundamentals of child-care.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that after five centuries, the mantle of an enlightened idea born in the Renaissance is being passed to UNICEF, the embodiment of the same idea in a more modern and international guise — Action

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## Numbers that tell

FOR n high sum of money, and after two years of hard work and the involvement of a large number of foreign experts, the department responsible for assigning street numbers in the cities and the villages, produced a very complicated numbering system for the major cities. The system set up in Amman, Zarqa and Irbid is so complicated that only a computer can decipher it. The numbers carry five different codes: the number of the house, the number of the street, the number of the city, the number of the district and, finally, letters for the name of the street. Those who have had their houses already numbered, I am sure, are never able to memorise their plate.

But now all is well. After all that time, and after all that work, the department has realised that the system is not working and that it is so complicated that even the employees of the department have not been able to figure it out after two years. So, a new system will now be applied, a simple and logical one. The plates will now carry only two codes, one for the street and one for the house. Was this so complicated that it couldn't have been thought of before? The rumour is that it is the same experts who proposed the first

complicated system who came up with the new one. However, the most important thing about this is that our dream might soon come true. Imagine being able to get in n taxi and tell the driver: "Mutanabi Street, No. 30 please," and that the driver would know what you were talking about. Imagine that you would no longer have to know who are your neighbours in order to be able to tell someone your address, and that all the "near this..., near that ..." stuff would not be necessary anymore.

Pity we had to lose so much time and money in the process.

## Saudi capital pampers diplomats in man-made oasis

By Philip Shehadi Reuter

RIYADH — Under the shade of eucalyptus and palm trees, within sound of waves breaking on an artificial beach, foreign diplomats in Saudi Arahia are settling into new homes in a man-made oasis overlooking the capital.

"The location is like paradise." says a poster advertising a restaurant in the new diplomatic

mination of Riyadh's transformation from an austere, isolated desert outpost to a national

The Red Sea port of Jeddah 900 kilometres away hosted all the diplomatic corps from the formation of the Saudi kingdom in 1932 until 1984, when the foreign ministry finally took its place with other government bodies in Rivadb.

The target population for the diplomatic quarter, with a stunning modern palace, shopping arcades, lawns and garden paths lined with roses and jasmine, is 22,000, half of them Saudi

"The goal (of the diplomatic shakes the city. quarter project) was to complete Riyadh as the capital of the kingsaid Mohammed Al Sheikh . president of the Riyadh Development Authority that oversaw the quarter's construc-

Riyadh is now a sprawling modern city of giant ministry complexes, palaces, commercial

centres and boulevards. A construction explosion following the oil boom — when the population shot from 350,000 in

1970 to an estimated I.5 million in 1982 — has now largely ended. "Our first priority was to ensure services to the citizen like electricity, water, sewers, telephones, housing, roads and schools — and these have now

ziz told Reuters. Massive new campuses for the King Saud and Imam Mohammed Bin Saud Islamie universities

Officials say the priority is to consolidate and manage what has been built and improve the qualitv of life through cultural, recreational and historical pre-servation projects. "There will be no more expansion," said Sheikh. As it is, Riyadh has thousands

of empty offices, flats and villas

huilt during the oil boom when developers and city planners overestimated demand. Downtown, much older houses quarter, home now to 21 embas- of mud and brick are being ressies and where half the country's tored. "Old houses are part of 80 missions are expected to move our heritage which is being pre-

The government spent 2.5 billion riyals (\$667 million) on the project, which marks the culmination of Riyadh's transfer grand mosque, a cultural complex, reconstruction of the city valls and gates and the Justice Palace where Saudi rulers from the 19th century onwards used to

hold court. Cars will be banned from the narrow streets there, now packed with vendors selling Japanese electronic goods, clothes from Hong Kong and Indian spices. Other projects include

Riyadh's first major public park, with separate areas for families and single men, on the site of the old airpot, now partially converted to an air force hase from where the roar of military jets

Saudi Arahia's strict interand consolidate the city of pretation of Islam forbids mixing of the sexes, cinemas, public musical events, women driving and consumption of alcohol.

Mutawa', religious police with powers of civilian arrest, ensure that shops shutter during prayer time and women are modestly

dressed. Even in the diplomatie quarter a popular picnic spot on Fri-

days, the Muslim day of rest men and women have to use swimming pools on separate days of the week. The largest of four pools has an artificial wave machine splashing surf onto a tiled beach. "With the exception of what

happens within the sovereign area of embassies which is governed by international protocol. the diplomatie quarter is part of the city and all its rules, regulations and traditions apply," said

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## **Business Week** wages long and costly fight to stay on top

By Lawrence Edelman

costly campaign to remain the number one U.S. business magazine is finally hearing the cover was a space. The cover was a space of the cover was a zme is finally beginning to pay off the style of the popular weekly for Business Week.

Long considered unchallengeable, the venerable magazine. first published in 1929, has spent much of the past four years fending off raids on its coveted base of readers and advertisers by its two chief rivals, Forbes and Fortune.

But industry analysts credit Business Week, the crown jewel of McGraw-Hill Inc's publishing group, for moving aggressively since mid-1983 to counter the

competition. It redesigned its layout, greatly expanded its staff, hired a new publisher and editor-in-chief, and launched a new advertising cam-

paign aimed directly at Forbes and Fortune. The countermeasures, analysts

say, are getting results,.
"Newsstand sales were up 35 per cent in the second half of 1986," said J. Kendrick Noble, who follows the publishing industry for Paincwebber group. He said there had been a no-

ticeable turnaround in the last six months. Business Week's North American circulation base will rise to 810,000 from 790,000 on May 1, when it will boost its advertising rates by two per cent. Its worldwide circulation is

At Forbes, the creation of milfionaire publisher Malcolm S. Forbes, circulation is 720,000, while Fortune, published by Time Inc, has 725,000 subscribers worl-

Business Week's resurgence comes after a long period in which it floundered.

The magazine has long led all business journals in advertising revenues and it ranks sixth among all U.S. magazines. But its share of total ad dollars relative to Forbes and Fortune has fallen steadily since 1982.

Moreover, it has been outpaced in revenue growth by these publications. In the past four years, ad dollars have soared 78 per cent at Forbes and 45 per cent at Fortune, compared with 24 per cent at Business Week.

Analysts say the decline by Business Week was inevitable. "Business Week was so big that it had no place to go but down," said Edward J Atorino of Smith Barney, Harris Upham. He said its troubles stemmed partly from the downturn in advertising outlays that accompanied the slump in capital spending by U.S. corporations.

The magazine was criticised for lacklustre writing and uninspired news coverage. In short, admits Business Week publisher John W. Patten, the magazine was

By the time he arrived on the lies," said Atorino.

scene in January 1985 - he had been publisher of McGraw-Hill's respected Aviation. Week, and

news magazines. Four-colour pictures and snazzy graphics were added. New sections were developed to appeal to a hroader

range of readers. The result looked less like the fortnightlies Forbes and Fortune, which had always been targetted at investors, and more like news-

weeklies Time and Newsweek. New bureaus were opened in the United States and abroad, editorial and marketing staffs were beefed up and a new computer system was installed to allow for faster coverage of breaking news.

We have made a much better magazine," said Stephen B. Shepard, who took over as editor-in-chief in 1984. "We have a magazine that captures the excitement

The magazine has really improved," agreed Painewebber analyst Noble. He added: "McGraw-Hill has pumped a lot of money into Business Week. It still sees the magzine as the flagship of its publications

group."
Although McGraw-Hill won't reveal how much it invested in Business Week, analysts note that the magazine, long a cash cow, has been a drain on the

operating profits of the company's publications group.

In 1986, operating profits at the group were off 11.9 per cent from the previous year. The group's operating margin dipped to 13 per cent last year, from 15 per cent in 1985.

Operating revenues rose just 1.7 per cent, to \$318.2 million, due mainly to an industry-wide slump in advertising.
But McGraw-Hill believes the

money has been well spent, said Patten. The parent has been "extremely supportive" of the expensive improvement campaign, which has helped make Business Week "the hottest book in town," he said.

Patten told Renters the investment has begun to show a return. Business Week's share of Ad dollars has climbed three perceutage points since January 1 and the pending increase in ad rates would further boost revenues.

Patten said advertising had picked up in the last four or five months and that 1988 promised to be strong year, mainly due to the Olympics and the U.S. national elections.

A key to Business Week's success, analysts said, has been its ability to expand its advertising base by broadening its read-

ership.
"Business Week has become more like the general news week-

## Princeton's star to graduate with new attitude

By Brian Killen Reuter

CHICAGO - With her last set of final exams at Princeton just weeks away, Brooke Shields can finally look forward to being an actress and a model without having to be a student too.

In the meantime, she's hit the road to promote hair dryers, curling tongs and other items that form her Brooke Shields personal

"During a recent weekend promotional mip to Chicago, she talked about the career that awaits her after she graduates from Princeton, with a degree in French literature, on June 9.

"I hope when I graduate that I will be much more involved with films than I have been. I have not had a year of work when I have not had to go to school," she told

reporters.
"My approach to movie-making will be an entirely new one. There will be no rigid school schedule to contend with," she said, adding, "TII always love

modelling."
The 21-year-old with the distinctive evehrows and a face that has graced countless magazine covers is never absent from classes, but her heart has never left

Her most recent project, slated for release in autumn, was the action adventure film "Brenda Starr," based on a well-known American comic strip character. Shields plays Starr, a reporter, but she apparently doesn't want to be typecast as a glamorous heroine. In fact, she said she would like to try her hand at musical comedy.



**Brooke Shields** 

"I also want to do a dramatie film that requires time, study and discipline," she said.

Shields, already an established model and actress, has appeared in films since age nine and has been the target of professional photographers since she was a

Her first major movie role was in Louis Malle's "Pretty Baby," in 1978 and she has since starred in 11 films and numerous television commercials, the most celebrated of which featured the line: "Nothing comes between me and

my Calvin Klein Jeans." The grey-eyed beauty with luxuriant brown hair said she always wanted to be like other students and lead as normal a university

life as possible. But she was never able to completely lock herself in the ivory tower.

She has learned swiftly switch roles from student to actress to model to marketing princess, the-role she was cast in while in Chicago.

She said that her friends at Princeton - a New Jersey university that is part of the prestigious Ivy League — got involved in her effort to develop her own brand-name products. "This is

the first time I have brought my work into my school," she said. Shields said that in designing the product line, she sought as much information as she could

from her friends. "You'd be surprised how adamant they are about what they like and what they dislike," she

"Beauty is important. When you meet someone, your first impression is what you see," she

"Over the years, I've had to use half of one product and half of another just to get the right curi I want, or the right wave you want, or to get the right texture in

Attitudes towards beanty are changing, she said, and the emphasis is on individuality: "I think with people today, especially younger people, the attitude is not just to buy what is trendy, but to buy products that are indi-vidually perfect for that person."

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have taken shape outside the city toward a vast new airport.

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## Edberg joins Becker, Nystrom in defeat

MONTE CARLO (R) - Second seed Stefan Edberg followed topseeded Boris Becker and defending champion Joakim Nystrom out of the Moute Carlo Open tennis tournament Wednesday wheo he bowed 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 to fellow-Swede Ulf Stenland.

Edberg, who collected his fourth title of the year in the Japan Open last weekend, was toppled in the second round like Becker and Nystrom Tuesday after a bye in the first round.

A ponishiog globe-trottiog schedule took its inevitable toll on Edberg, the world number three who has played in three continents this month and leads the Grand Prix standings.

Compatriot Jonas Svenssoo, seeded 11th, fell earlier 6-2, 6-0 to Andrei Chesookov of the Soviet Union.

Becker was beaten 6-3, 6-3 by American Jimmy Arias after Nys-trom, the eighth seed, had lost 0-6, 6-3, 7-6 to Austrian Thomas

Argentine veteran Guillermo Vilas took his place in the last 16, beating American Eliot Teltscher 7-5, 6-3 after losing the first five

Stenlund fought back against Edberg after dropping the first set and became iocreasingly

Edberg broke Stenlund's service three times in the first set, but be was broken at the start of the second and lapsed increasing-

Stenlund, 32nd in the world rankings, hit fine winners with his double-fisted backhand as the uncustomarily inaccurate Edberg knocked shots into the net and out of court.

Edberg clawed his way from 5-2 to 5-4 in the final set but dropped his serve on the third match point. Stenlund oext meets West German Tore Meinecke.

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#### Striker Beardsley out of English national squad

LONDON (AP) — Eogland striker Peter Beardsley, who tore a bamstring last week while playing for his club, Newcastle United, was omitted from the national squad to play Turkey in a European Soccer Championship qualifying match on April 29.

"He is a rare commodity and hard to replace," said England team boss, Bobby Robson. "He's that rare sort of player

who, whatever is happening at his club, can perform at international

Beardsley's partnership with Gary Lineker, which blossomed during last summer's World Cup finals in Mexico, has become one of the most settled England strike forces for several years.

His absence from the match in Izmir opens the door for Clive Allen, the First Division's leading marksman with 47 goals, to stake

Because of the successful Beardsley-Lineker combination that has seen England go to the top of Group 4 in the European campaign, Allen has not yet had a chance to resume his internationаі сатеет. The Tottenham Hotspur strik-

er last played for England three years ago but then suffered a number of injuries and was not fully fit again until the current

Robson said he was nervous about pairing Allen with Lineker because of their similarities.

"Until I try I don't know the answer," he said. "What I have to do is ask myself do I try it. The decision has to be based on my gut reaction to whether it will be the right combinatin or not."

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## **SPORTS IN BRIEF**

LONDON (AP) — Luton Town failed in a bid to reach third place in the First Division of the English League when it went down 0-2 at local Rival Watford on Tuesday night. Winger Worrell Sterling opened the score three minutes into the second half and England international striker John Barnes wrapped up Watford's victory six minutes later. It was Watford's third successive victory since losing in the semifinals of the FA Cup.

### Napoli ready to pay \$550,000 for Careca

saying Careca's price had since risen.

Major League baseball record of 14 consecutive victories at the third inning Tuesday night and added two more runs in the seventh as it out hit the Brewers 11-7.

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#### Italian, Jordanian polo teams to meet

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Italian military polo team is scheduled to play the Jordanian polo team oo Saturday at Zarka military camp, according to a spokeswoman for the Italian embassy. The match, being held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, is to be played at 5:00 p.m. The Italian team has won the Italian polo championship 3 times, in 1971, 1977, and

#### Luton fails to reach 3rd place

NAPLES, Italy (R) — Italian League leader Napoli bas agreed on a \$550,000 annual salary for Brazilian soccer star Careca. But his club Sao Paulo is disputing a \$2 million transfer fee, Napoli director Pierpaolo Marino said. Marino said Careca had agreed to join Napoli to play alongside Argentine superstar Diego Maradona. Napoli was prepared to pay the \$2 million he said was stipulated in Careca's contract for transfer to another club. But Sao Paulo was contesting the validity of the clause in the contract,

#### Milwaukee fails to set baseball record

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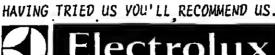
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#### Top French teams pave way for progress in cup

PARIS (R) - France's elite soccer clubs, with the exception of Toulouse, set themselves up for quarter-finals spots in the French Cup in the first round of two-

legged matches. Marseille, Lille, Lens and Brest all won convincingly Tuesday night, with Lens putting four goals past Division Four Perigueux away from home.

Second Division Strassbourg beat First Division rival Toulouse 2-1 at home.

The match of the round, top teams Bordeaux and Monaco, was postponed until April 25 as Bordeaux is playing a European Cup Winners Cup semifinal. The second leg will be on May 6.

## Cycler Lemond recovering from hunting accident

SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — Greg Lemond should be able to resume his bicyle racing career after recovery from a hunting accident, surgeons say.

His father said the layoff from training while recuperating could prevent his entry into this year's Tour De France.

the first American to win the 24-day, 2,500-mile (4,022kilometre) bicycle race, was struck in the right side and back with 10 to 30 pellets from a shotgun while bunting with friends Monday in the foothills east of Sacramento.

Lemond, 25, was in fair condition at the University of California Medical Ceotre in Sacramento, where he underwent two hours of surgery.

After about two weeks bospitaisatioo and a few more weeks recuperation at home, Lemond should be able to resume training. tively.

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### U.S. team suffers 4th loss in world hockey tourney After the U.S. lost 5-2 to Fin-

VIENNA, Austria (AP) - United States team coach Dave land, Peterson said: "It was a Peterson conceded that a fourth consecutive defeat meant his side was out of the medal round of the World Hockey Championships. But he was still thinking posi-

good hockey match, the best we have played so far. True, he also said that after his team was trounced 11-2 by the Soviet Union on Monday.

But against Finland, at least his nixture of college players and NHL (National League) stars had 2-0 score in the final period against the Finns.

Tuesday's fourth round of action also featured Canada's first ever loss to West Germany in the tournament, the Soviet Union's fourth consecutive victory — a 6-1 trimming of archrival Czechoslovakia - and Sweden's 12-1 trouncing of Switzerland.

The heavy Swiss defeat lifted Petersoo's team off the bottom of the standings on goal difference. "It is practically impossible for us to get into the play-offs now," said Petersoo. "Six points (in the remaining

prelimioary matches) is no enough to get us into the medal rounds," be added. The Finns cootrolled the match

most of the time and chose counter attacks as their strategy. They built up a 5-0 lead by the third period when Jimmy Carson and Tom Kurvers scored the two goals for the Americans.

A capacity crowd of 9,000 at the Wiener Stadthalle watched the hotly cootested match be-tween the Soviets and Czechoslovakia in which both teams failed to create an edge until the "Redshirts" scored a short-handed

The Czech team put up stiff resistance in the first period and a part of the second, keeping the goal-less score and creating some good opportunities.

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But then at 27:53 Vjacheslav Fetisov scored a short handed goal for the Soviet team, which later on displayed superior tech-nique and better organisation of

its game.
Fetisov, who turned 29 on Monday, scored another goal for the Redshirts at 2:41 of the third The other scorers for the

Soviets, who are targeting an unprecedented 21st title, were Igor Larionov, Sergej Starikov, Alexej Kasatonov and Vjacheslav Bykov.

The only goal for the Czech team, which is looking to bounce back after placing only fifth last year in Moscow, was netted by Libor Dolana at 3:36 of the third period. "I think we played a very good game tonight, and it was very important for us to win because

with this result we will probably win the first stage and the Euro-pean title," said Viktor Tikhonov after the match. The preliminaries count for the

Al-Aqsa Mosque & the Dome of the Rock. Amman P.O. Box: 99 Tel. 663163 European competition, no matter which team wins the four-team playoffs.

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## Japan securities firms report huge earnings

TOKYO (R) - Japanese mann- view of the market as a whole. facturers may be suffering from The critical issues are the dollar/ the impact of the strong yen, but a relentlessly bullish stock market is giving a huge boost to securities houses' profits, industry analysts said Wednesday.

And prospects are excellent that earnings will keep climbing as long as low interest rates, a sluggish economy and a weakening dollar continue to lure Japanese investors to the dornestic equities market, they said.

Things are very rosy and are likely to stay that way," said Mr. Brian Waterhouse, analyst at brokerage James Capel and Co. Japan's biggest brokerage, Nomura Securities, Wednesday announced net profits of 111.58 billion yen (\$786 million) for the balf-year ended March 31, a 90

per cent rise from the same period last year. The other leading brokerages also reported huge gains. Daiwa Securities profits jumped 67 per cent to 69.54 billion yen (\$490 million), Yamaichi Securities 105 per cent to 57.68 billion (\$406 million) and Nikko Securities 85 per cent to 58.66 billion (\$413

million). A key factor in the buge profits is the vast turnover of shares ou the stock exchanges, which brings in a steady cash flow from stillregulated commissions on buy

and sell orders, the analysts said. Volume on the Tokyo Stock Exchange is averaging close to a billion shares a day, about twice as much as last year. The market average rose 211.69 points Wednesday to a record closing high of 24,097.79 on turnover of 2.4 billion shares.

Securities houses are likely to turn in equally strong performances for the full year unless volatile interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates stabilise. the analysts said.

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many (R) — West Germany's powerful I.G. Metall Engineering

Workers Union bas agreed in

top-level talks with employers on

a cut in working bours and higher

I.G. Metall Chairman Franz

Steinkuehler and Mr. Werner

Stnmpfe, president of the

Gesamtmetall Employers Fed-

eration, Tuesday night told re-

porters the working week of the

four million workers in West Ger-

many's engineering and iron and

steel industries would be cut in

two stages by 11/2 hours to 37

A dispute three years ago over

working hours in the engineering

sector led to a seven-week strike,

crippling West Germany's car in-

1.G. Metall, Western Europe's

biggest union, was already pre-

Stumpfe, speaking late at night

after more than 13 bours of talks

at this luxury spa near Frankfurt, said they had agreed on a one-

Mr. Steinkuehler and Mr.

paring for another strike.

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, pay, averting a strike threat.

yen movements and the interest rates," Mr. Waterhouse said.

Worries about currency fluctuations are frightening Japanese institutions away from doallar-denominated U.S. bonds and low interest rates here make stock market capital gains especially attractive, they said.

But some analysts said a few clouds may be looming on the securities houses' horizon.

Any future deregulation of commission rates, which bas bappened in the United States and Britain, could seriously deflate earnings, said Kleinwort Benson analyst Simon Smithson.

'There's no reason to suppose the Japanese experience would be any different from the British or American experience. For a brief period at any rate there would be some very severe squeezing of profits," Mr. Smithson said.

But a repeat of London's Big Bang, which liberalised commissions drastically and suddenly, is unlikely in Tokyo since the finance ministry wants to prevent any serious damage to smaller brokerages, analysts said.

The securities bouses' buge profits could also give ammunition to their would-be rivals, Japanese banks, who are clamouring to be allowed more direct participation in the securities business, analysts said.

And the United States and Britain are certain to maintain intense pressure for more seats for foreign firms on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, they said.

A Tokyo Stock Exchange offi-

cial said Wednesday the exchange could move to increase the number of seats before the end of this

But limits on space and compu-ter capacity would stop any new members actually trading until

brokerages reflects the investors' May 1988, be said. West German workers win less working hours, more pay

BAD HOMBURG, West Ger- bour cut in the industry's working week to 371/2 hours, starting on April 1 of next year. A second stage will reduce the working week by another 30 minutes to 37 hours from April 1, 1989. The 37-hour week will be

binding until March 1990. The two sides also agreed to raise pay by 3.7 per cent, backdated to April 1 of this year. Wages will rise another two per cent with the first cut in working bours next April, and by a further 2.5 per cent with the second stage

The pact must now be put to the executives of 1.G. Metall and Gesamtmetall, hut industry

sources said approval was certain. The union bad demanded a phased reduction to a 35-bour week and a five per cent pay rise, while the employers, rejecting a staggered cut in working bours, had offered a balf-bour reduction from next year, to be binding until 1991, and a two-stage pay

The agreement represents a compromise for both sides.

## AMF lending drops Kuwait implements more creative

balance of payments support to Arab countries fell by one-third last year over 1985, the fund said.

Its annual report said most of the 21 members had still not paid contributions to a capital increase agreed in 1985 and three of them Sudan, Somalia and Iraq were in arrears on loan repay-

The AMF said the main reason for the drop in lending was a large single loan to Iraq in 1985. Loans fell to 34 million Arah Accounting Dinars (AADs) (\$132 million) from 51 million AADs (\$198 million) in 1985.

Beneficiaries last year were Jordan, Tunisia, Syria, Morocco, Mauritania and North Yemen.

The fund noted lending during the last three years bad slumped below the 1983 peak of 84.7 million AADs and blamed four factors: The attainment by some countries of their lending limits. the non-payment of capital commitments, a balt in lending to those in arrears and limits on sbort-term loans.

Unpaid dues including interest totalled 49 million AADs (\$190 ary Fund.

ABU DHABI (R) — Arab million), or 16 per cent of paid-up capital. Sudan owed 60 per cent of the amount.

> The fund said only two countries - Saudi Arabia and North Yemen — bad paid their 1986 contributions to the capital increase. Paid-up capital at the end of 1986 should have been 467.2 million AADs (\$1.8 hillion) hut in fact amounted to 312.8 million AADs (\$1.2 billion).

Paid-up capital at the end of 1985 was 295.4 million AADs (\$1.1 billion). Sources close to the fund said

chmark 30-year government bond

ended with a gain of more than a

balf-point. The interest rate paid

on the bond, which is inverse to

its price, slipped to about 8.3 per

cent after initially jumping to

But the day's decline in rates

erased stock market fears for just

long enough to attract bargain

bunters and computer-guided buy

programmes, which are massive

purchases of stocks linked to the

Stocks bave closely tracked the

action in bonds, which fell some

10 per cent in value over the past

mouth. The stock market also fell

from its April 6 peak of 2,045.54,

retracing more than 125 points.
"What investors saw," Mr.

Metz said, "is that maybe bonds

bave found the low end of their

trading range for some time, and

that temporarily soothed the mar-

ket's concerns about interest

In recent sessions, growing spe-

culation that the Federal Reserve

would tighten credit policy in an

effort to stave off further declines

in the dollar added to the interest

modest gain, aided by interven-

tion by the German and Swiss

today believing that the market had had it," said trader Jack

Baker of Shearson Lebman

ing this market to collapse hased

on an inflation scenario, but they

were proven wrong today."
Mr. James Baker noted that

the beightened trade tensions be-

tween the United States and

Japan caused the dollar's most

recent plunge.

But he added, "it appears that

this market is making a reasonably big het that the U.S. and

Japan will be able to sort out their

differences and come with a prog-ramme to support the dollar. We

bave yet to see what will

"A lot of people got caught

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rates and inflation,"

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stock futures and options.

over 8.5 per cent.

no direct productive ontlet," one Saudi Arabia had requested the banker said. withdrawal of its 1986 payment Kuwait's central bank on Mouof 10.4 million AADs (\$40 milbon) because other countries bad Assets rose to 402.9 million

million AADs (\$1.4 billion) at affected retail rates. The bank reduced to six per The Abu Dhabi-based fund cent from 61/2 per cent the rate at was formed in 1977 by Arab

which it will offer funds of onestates and the Palestine Liberation Organisation to provide babank market. lance of payments support to poorer Arab countries along the lines of the International Monet-

## Wall Street stocks soar

end-1985.

NEW YORK (R) - Wall Street points in the morning, the bensoared to a 66.47-point gain on the Dow Jones industrial average Wednesday, its second best oneday leap ever, after a sharp recovery in the bond market launched it out of morning tailspin.

The surge followed a similar recovery in government bonds linked to a more stable U.S. dollar.

The Dow Jones average jumped 66.47 points to 2,337.07 - a recovery of 90 points from the day's low of about 2,246. In terms of a one-day points

gain it was a performance bettered only by the 69.89-point rise on Anril 3. Analysts said stronger corpo-

rate earnings and signs of a computer industry rebound leut support to the market. A jump in credit market in-

terest rates over the past month bad kept pressure on stocks recently, but with rates easing during the day, investors began pouring their idle cash back into the market in bopes of a recovery.

"This is a wild rally," exclaimed trader John Burnett of DLJ Securities. "The enthusiasm began when the bond market rate fears. But the dollar posted a recovered from its morning lows.

In the broader market, New York Stock Exchange advances led declines by a relatively modest 984 to 632 margin, indicating that the biggest gains were made in the hose chip sector. But the hreadth showed a strong recovery from the earlier five-to-one edge beld by decliners.

The average stock price gained a hefty 85 cents.

York Stock Exchange volume jumped to 191,340,000 from the five-week low of 139,070,000 posted the day be-

fore.
"The major element behind this turnaround, is the even more dramatic turnaround in bond prices," said analyst Michael Metz of Oppenheimer and Co. After plunging by nearly two

#### day cut one key money market rate and abandoned another which had been used since February 1986 to influence borrowing and lending costs in the inter-AADs (\$1.6 billion) from 365.5 bank market. This, in turn,

month to one-year in the inter-The cut, the third this year,

followed a major overhaul of

interest rate policy last month which central bank governor Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al

productive ventures, rather than bearing investments which bave

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait, a major oil producer hit by

last year's price slump, began implementing a more

creative monetary policy to help spur its economy,

"There is a clear emphasis on Sabah said was designed to revive

banking sources said Tuesday.

encouraging the use of money in

having it all tied up in interest-

economic activity. One banker said: "There is growing flexibility, creativity, in interest rate policy, amid an awareness of the need to diversify the economy by stimulating the non-oil sector

For the first time in nearly three years, domestic interest rates are now significantly below those for the U.S. dollar, a favourite haven for Gulf speculative and investor funds in the past, banking sources said.

Despite uncertainties generated by the 61/2-year-old Iran-Iraq war on Kuwait's northern doorstep, bankers play down the prospect of any significant capital

The Kuwaiti dinar, whose value is set by the central hank and was fixed Tuesday at 0.27095/ 129 to the dollar, is stronger now

Fears that the dollar may not have reached the bottom of its slide on foreign exchanges over the past 18 months will prompt second thoughts among investors even prepared to consider switching funds into the U.S. currency, the sources said.

"There is a distinct exchange rate risk," one hanker said. "The general feeling is that the dollar as not bottomed out yet."

Bankers said the dollar slump burt many investors behind the last major capital outflow in 1984. encouraged then by 18 per cent U.S. interest rates and the start of Iranian attacks on neutral shipping in the Gulf.

The central bank calculates its dinar exchange rate against a basket of currencies. Bankers do not know the basket's exact make-up but they say is weighted heavily in favour of the dollar, the currency for most world oil

Some bankers believe any

monetary policy to spur economy ger a closer look by investors at shifting funds into the U.S. currency. They may ask: When will the dollar be so cheap again?" one said.

And with dinar interest rates now roughly one per cent below those for the dollar, they say the central hank, nevertheless, faces a delicate balancing role, requiring further flexibility.

Bankers said the current, expansionary interest rate policy is inflation last year, after an 8.1 encourage local investment and strengthen the backbone of the

They estimate the economy, measured in terms of gross domestic product (GDP) shrank 19 per cent after allowing for inflation last yer, after an 8.1 contraction the previous year.

Bankers noted, for instance, a series of recent measures to stimulate stock market activity, capped Tuesday by sharp cuts m brokerage fees to make it strengthening of the dinar beyond cheaper for investors to trade.

## Gold, silver prices slip

LONDON (R) — Gold and silver prices slipped in Europe Wednesday as investors sold bullion to take profits, but dealers said both metal's futures remained bright as long as uncertainty ruled on

international financial markets. Turbulence on the world's stock and currency markets in recent weeks sent investors rushing into bullion as a safe haven of wealth, dealers said, adding it was inevitable that some would seek quick profits as prices surged,

The price of gold bullion was fixed in London at \$446.80 an onnee Wednesday morning, down on Tuesday night's close of \$450.50 and Monday morning's fix of \$454.30 — its highest since

Feo. 25, 1983. Wednesday's flurry of gold sales was spurred on by an advance in the value of the dollar

which rose one pfennig against

the West German mark from Tnesday, dealers said.

The price of gold, quoted internationally in dollars, usually dips if the dollar rises in value against major currencies. The reverse is normally true if the U.S. currency shows signs of weakness.

Dealers forecast that gold would trade in a range of \$450 to \$475 an omce by the year's end, some saw it higher. Few reckoned it could hit its previous high of \$850 an ounce — set in January, 1980 - unless there were exceptional conditions.

On Wednesday gold had opened only slightly down at \$449.50 with selling from trailers initially countered by a spate of

buying orders placed by specula-Speculators later turned to sellers however and prices eased to a

rallying slightly during the fixing session. They said players bad difficulty trading gold far above

The dollar strengthened in-Europe Wednesday, trading at noon around 1.82 marks, more than a pfennig up on Tnesday's close in Frankfurt, and in a range of 142.10 to 142.85 Japanese yen, also slightly up on Tuesday. A strike by about 24,000 black

miners at two mines in South Africa belonging to Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Co. Ltd. had little impact on trading,

Silver prices in Zurich opened higher after an announcement in Lima that Pery would cut exports to protect the price, but fell back as investors sold to make a quick

Dealers said the Lima low of around \$446.00 before announcement boosted the price

to \$7.93 an ounce in Zurich, 15 cents above the previous close. It retreated to around \$7.80 in early

Dealers said interest in silver remained strong, adding that attempts could be made to test the \$8 an ounce level this week. Dealers said there appeared no

immediate threat to silver supplies because of the announcement from Peru, the world's second biggest supplier after Mexico.

A senior state official said in Lima that the freeze on new silver marketing contracts would not affect existing agreements between private firms and their ioreign clients.

Another precious metal, platinum, was fixed Wednesday morning at \$596.75 an ounce. little changed from Tuesday night's close of \$595.50.

## World Bank suggests more open economy for India

NEW DELHI (R) — The World Bank has suggested India should move to a more open economy by gradually removing government controls on the domestic industry and adopt a liberal external trade regime with reduced levels of

import protection. A confidential "executive sumof a draft bank report of the Indian economy ontlined greater economic liberalises as the keystone to boost exports by

making them more competitive. The report made available to Reuters said a sluggish export growth in recent years had contributed to a widening trade deficit and strained India's balance of

payments position.

A large trade deficit would make it increasingly bard for India to raise commercial loans in future to supplement a declining concession-

al foreign aid, it said The reforms proposed by the hank would bring in domestic noted. -prices much more in line with ... - An Indian official told-Reuters world prices and introduce a greater degree of import competition and export rivalry than the, report with some changes was nation had ever seen, it said.

Liberal imports of capital goods would help modernise the economy and expose Indian prosaid.

The report acknoledged Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has eased controls and deregulated the economy since assuming office 21/2 years ago. But it said more

needed to be done. The hank called for abandoning the present principle of "unlimited protection for all indigenously available products."

The greatest beneficiaries from a more open economy will be the mass of Indian consumers who would begin to get better quality goods at lower cost," it

the government was discussing the report with the bank. A final likely to be ready by the next month, be said.

The final report will be discussed hy the bank group and indus-June 22 and 23 to discuss concessional aid for India in 1987/88 ending June.

The summary said although trade halance improved in Indian fiscal 1986/87 ended March, and the current account deficit fell to \$2.4 billion in 1986/87 from \$2.88 billion in 1985/86, the improvement was largely due to lower prices of crude oil, petroleum products and fertilisers making up bulk of India's import hill. India's trade deficit is officially

\$5.6 billion in 1986/87 from a tive issue in India.

record \$6.96 billion in 1985/86. India needed to adopt a more

dynamic export policy than it had done so far, the hank said. India might bave to initiate "some dramatic changes" that involves some "political cost," it

The report did not specifically call for devaluing the indian rupee to boost exports but said: "An example of such a (dynamic export) policy would be the adoption of an exchange rate regime that maintained exporters' profitability.'

Sucb an approach was successful in many countries such as South Korea, Colombia and Turkey, it said.

Earlier this year, the Indian government denied the World Bank bad asked it to devalue the estimated to bave narrowed to Indian rupee, a politically sensi-

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the huying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Wednesday.

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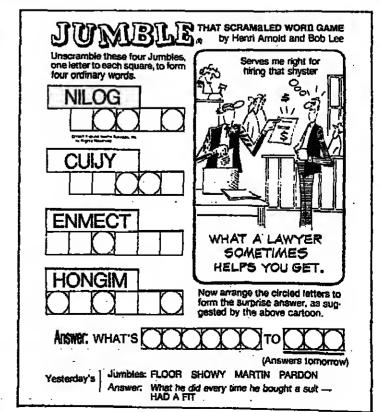


## **Andy Capp**



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# THE BETTER HALF, By Harris HARRIS "The sky is falling — and so is Mrs. McNulty's face-lift!"



## **LONDOŃ STOCK MARKET**

LONDON (R) — Share prices backed off their midsession highs in late trading, responding to the opening profit-taking on Wall Street, but remained underpinned by a poll showing the Conservative Party well ahead of the main opposition.

The latest opinion poll, published in the Evening Standard newspaper, shows the Conservatives some 15 points ahead of the Labour Party. Dealers said the lead, translating to an overall majority of 140 seats in the House of Commons, appears to increase the chances of a British general election in June.

By 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up 15.2 to 1,955.4 but hack from the high of 1,961.9 reached on the poll news. The sharply higher close on Wall Street on Tnesday and another record high on the Tokyo stock exchange overnight had pushed shares ahead early in the session here.

Government bonds added/2 point in response to firmer sterling and Tnesday's sharp recovery in U.S. bond markets, helping support equities, although trading was fairly thin. Dealers said much of the trading in equities has been thin, with some reporting patchy business and uncertainty over the shortterm outlook for the markets. Worries over a rise in U.S. inflation

persisted after rumours in overseas markets that the Federal

Reserve will raise its discount rate Wednesday.

Horoscope not received

# New Argentine army revolts end

BUENOS AIRES (Agencies) — Army officers in the two revolts were "upshots of northern Argentina have ended a brief revolt over the appointment of a new army command in the latest uprising against President Raul Alfonsin, government officials said.

Presidential spokesman Jose Ignacio Lopez said: "There is not a single episode of indiscipline at any army unit," and Mr. Alfonsin left government bouse late in the day saying, "all is well."

The revolt in the cities of Salta and Tncuman was directed against the new command installed by Mr. Alfonsin after he ended a four-day insurrection by officers opposing the trial of military personnel for buman rights abuses.

Officers at the Fifth Engineering Company in Salta and from the 19th Infantry Regiment of Tucuman said they were rebelling against General Jose Caridi, appointed army chief-of-staff Monday night.

Gen. Caridi replaced General Hector Rios Erenu, who asked to be relieved of his command in the fallout from the army uprising

WASHINGTON (R) - U.S. Air

Force Lieutenant General James

Ahrahamson has accused Con-

gress of strangling "Star Wars" with budget cuts, but said an

initial U.S. space-based defence

against Soviet missiles could be

"They are strangling the prog-ramme," Gen. Ahrahamson said

two weeks after the house passed

a 1988 hudget which slashed Pres-

ident Reagan's Strategic Defence

Initiative (SDI) research regnest

from \$5.2 hillion to 3.5 billion.

approved its version of the

hudget, hut Gen. Abrahamson

cautioned that research could fall

further behind if Congress con-

tinued to make sharp cuts based

on technical and other questions

Gen. Abrahamson is the direc-

tor of SDI, commonly called Star

Wars, and he spoke with repor-

ters as the Pentagon sent its

annual report on the programme

no decision had been made on

deployment of Star Wars, but he

agreed with Defence Department

projections that initial deploy-

ment could come as early as the

Pressed to predict what the first phase of a U.S. missile defence

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**U.S.** general: Congress

strangling Star Wars

The rebels were protesting against the army command's orders that officers stand trial on charges of buman rights abuses committed under the previous military government.

Fourteen other generals and 10 relieved of their commands, the Defence Ministry said.

The rebels in Salta backed from fellow officers went largely unheeded, while the Tucuman rebels gave in after two commanders of the Fifth Infantry Brigade there were abruptly relieved, local news agencies reported. The rebel infantry regiment is a

unit of the Fifth Infantry Brigade. Deputy Marcelo Stubrin, a close political ally of Mr. Alfonsin, told reporters after meeting with the president that "everything is absolutely normal in all military dependencies," and said

events last week."

Salta province Governor Roberto Romero said the revolt there had been "totally overcome."

His colleague in Tucuman, Fernando Riera, said: "The military commanders in Tucuman bave confirmed that there is no reason for worry," the independent news agency Noticias Argentinas re-

ported Meanwhile the supreme court middle-level officers also were asked a federal tribunal to band over evidence files just two days before public hearings were to begin in a case involving 20 naval down after their call for support officers accused of torture and marder.

> Federal court officials said Tuesday's request would inde-finitely delay'the trial, one of the most sensitive involving military men accused of violating human rights during a 1976-83 rightist military dictatorship.

The five-man supreme court, in brief communique, said it wanted the voluminous files for study on the basis of "a complaint filed by several defence attor-

The court did not elaborat Defence attorneys previously had questioned the jurisdiction of the federal court trying the case, which includes accusations of torture, murder, kidnapping and other charges.

The defence argued that the officers should he tried by the Supreme Military Council, the highest military tribunal.

Public testimony had been set to begin Thursday with the prosecution presenting the first of 100 witnesses, most of whom say they are survivors of a former detention centre at the naval mechanics school. Prosecutors say the school, on the northern edge of the capital, was a clandestine detention and torture centre under military rule.

Many of the witnesses testified in the federal court trials of nine members of three military juntas that ruled Argentina after a 1976

Five of the nine, including former presidents Gen. Jorge Videla and Gen. Roberto Viola, were found guilty of torture and murder and are serving prison terms from 4½ years to life.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's effort to continually modernise America's nuclear weapons arsenal has created what is now a \$7.5 billion a year enterprise that employs 90,000

plex" that supports the United States as a nuclear superpower has produced roughly 60,000 war-heads since 1945. Today, on average, the complex produces five new warheads a day while retiring about four older warheads each day, the study says.

for release Wednesday.

Gen. Abrahamson said the fin-

"This progress has enabled us to examine concrete, working bypotheses about the type of defence options that may be available in the early to mid-1990s."

gures offered to Congress two It said a first development phase in that time period could \$40 hillion to \$60 billion. That is a use a system composed of small, partial phase, not a complete effort," he said, adding that later defensive layers of lasers and rocket-powered projectiles mounted both on orbiting space platforms and on the ground to hit Soviet missiles in the liftoff stage or destroy them in mid-

Two later phases of SDI might Pentagon said budget cuts have two years in some phases of SDI

"Budget reductions have caused some parts of the programme to slip one to two years and if continued, will create an imbalance in funding." the report

'Reduced funding has decreased technical options for strategic defence capabilities in the 1990s," it said, adding that research on weapons - including rocket-powered projectiles, lasers and atomic particle beams would be speeded up if Mr. Reagan's full 1988 budget is

approved. Both Democratic and Republican lawmakers have predicted that SDI cuts will be made for the third year in a row by a Congress faced with pressure to cut federal hudget deficits.

al scope of any multi-layered SD1 defence could be reduced if the Soviet Union and the United States reached agreements for major cuts in nuclear weapons, including intercontinental mis-

Despite budget cuts, the Penta-gon report said, "the technologic-al progress that bas been made on the SD1 research programme over the past three years has advanced at an unexpectedly fast pace, and is still accelerating.

course.

include lasers and concentrated beams of atomic particles to burn up Soviet missiles and nuclear warheads in all phases of flight.

## U.S. delays Discovery launch date for tests

COCO BEACH, Florida (R) -U.S. space agency officials have said the tentative date for resumption of the manned space programme has heen set hack several weeks to allow for further

In announcements here and in Washington, officials of the National Acronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said the launch of the shuttle Discovery, tentatively scheduled for Fcb. 18, 1988, has been postponed until at leasi April 1.

The delay results from a deci-

Discovery's main engine and a "wet countdown" which entails fuelling the shuttle's external tank. In the past, such basic tests have largely been carried out only before an orbiter's maiden flight. Arnold Aldrich, director of the

agency's Space Transportation Space Congress that a new launch

sion to conduct firing tests of weeks.

Programme, said here that too long a delay would be "de-trimental to the people, the hardware and the national requirements for launching into space." He told delegates to the 24th

date would be set in two or three

### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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**WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ** 

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## Study shows U.S. has \$7.5b nuclear arms 'infrastructure'

people, a study concludes.

This infrastructure, or "com-

The analysis of the U.S. nuc-

lear arms production complex is contained in a 223-page study obtained Tuesday and scheduled It was written by four Washing-

ton researchers under the sponsorship of the Natural Resources Defence Council, an activist environmental group headquar-tered in New York that plans to unveil the work at a news confer-

of information on the world'a nuclear arsenals, is entitled U.S. Nuclear Warhead Production. It focuses primarily on the Department of Energy, which is re-sponsible for the design, test, manufacture, assembly and retirement of warheads needed by the Defence Department.

"We are trying to shed some light on what has become an immense, yet nearly invisible industry," said William Arkin, a co-author and researcher with the Washington-based Institute for Policy Studies.
"If the Energy Department's

warhead complex were a fortune 500 company, it would rank in the top 20," added Thomas Cochran, a senior staff scientist with the council and a co-anthor.

"During the Reagan administration, from 1981 to 1987, approximately 11,000 nuclear warheads and hombs of 10 types have been produced. The budget for warhead production has gone from \$3.4 billion in 1981 to over \$8 The study, part of an on-going effort to build an "encyclopedia" billion (proposed) for the coming year," he said.

## Chernobyl soil contamination 'above admissible levels'

MOSCOW (R) - Radioactive readings of soil contamination contamination of soil around the Chernobyl nuclear power plant remains at higher than admissible levels and is unlikely to change, the commander of the Soviet Defence Ministry's chemical forces said Wednesday.

Gen. Vladimir Pikalov, who took part in the decontamination of Chernobyl after ouc of the plant's four reactors exploded last April, also dismissed Western estimates of thousands of cancer deaths from the accident as groundless.

Commenting on the radiation situation around the Ukrainian power station nearly a year after the world's worst civilian nuclear accident, Gen. Pikalov told the

official Novosti press agency:
"Today, higher than admissible

with long-living radionucleides (cesium, strontium, plutonium) are registered mostly on the territory of the station and in the five-kilometre zone around it. as well as in several pockets on the territory of Byclorussia. "There are no grounds for ex-

pecting any radical changes in the current radiation situation, since soil radioactivity flushing by flood waters has not exceeded one per

He said the number of cancer deaths from Chernobyl radiation exposure would be less than 0.05 per cent of the normal cancer mortality rate. Cancer deaths from eating contaminated food would be 0.4 of the normal death

## Indonesia not to lift ban on politics in universities

change during campaigning for their study," he said. Thursday's Indonesian elections, Education Minister Fuad Hassan was quoted Wednesday as saying. He told the independent daily part in political activities as long Party.

JAKARTA (R) — A Controversial ban on politics in universities will stay despite pressure for a Marxism if they do so only for

The Indonesian government has banned Marxism and Communism after a bloody conp attempt in 1965 backed by In-Kompas that students could take donesia's pro-Peking Communist

## Yugoslav dissident goes on trial for brutality claims

Dobroslav Paraga, 26, went on present case. trial in the Croatian capital Zagreh Wednesday charged with slandering the state through publicly alleging brutality in Yugoslav prisons.

Paraga, a former theology student and devout Catholic, spent four years in Croatian jails from 1980 for petitioning for the release of Yugoslav political prisoners.

Last year Paraga sued the state in an unprecedented case for 11 bave protested against the trial, million dinars (\$19,000) in dam-

He alleged he suffered physical and mental damage, and impair- public have taken up his case. ment of his ability to work, as a result of beatings, solitary con-finement and other mistreatment year demanded an investigation while in jail.

He repeated his allegations other dissidents about prison conpubliciy in local journais. His suit has been adjourned newspaper Delo said the judiciwhile new written evidence is ary was not competent to investi-collected but meanwhile the state gate the case.

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (R) — of Croatia, one of the six Yugos-Yugoslav human rights dissident lav republics, has initiated the The trial is expected to last three days.

The state says Paraga spread false information and that his allegations were slanderous.

Paraga has won widespread public support for his case in Yugoslavia and aroused concern among foreign human rights

human rights, and media in the relatively liberal Slovenian re-

The Socialist Alliance, a Communist-led mass-party body, last into the charges by Paraga and ditions and the official Slovenian

## China accuses India of massing troops on border

PEKING (R) — China Wednes- exercises in the area. day accused India of massing troops along their border and said Indian troops were trying to push back the border in places by

'nibbling" at Chinese territory. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman told a news briefing that tension along the border had increased due to "India's recent actions.'

India and China fought a brief but bitter war in 1962 over large tracts of disputed territory to the east and west of the Himalayan mountain range. Talks on the issue in recent years have made virtually no progress.
"Recently, India has amassed

its troops in areas along the Sino-Indian border and conducted a large-scale military exercise, thus again resulting in tension there," the spokesman said.

He said "India's recent actions have aroused people's grave con-cern" and raised tension along the border.

"It has repeatedly crossed the line of actual control by the two sides, mibbling at Chinese terri-tory, forcefully occupied some places and sent military aircraft to violate Chinese airspace from time to time," he added.

An Indian diplomat declined to comment on the Chinese accusation, but said he had not perso-nally heard of any Indian military held later this year at a date.

The Chinese spokesman, asked how many Indian troops and which part of the border was involved, said he had no further information.

But he said the Chinese government had made its views on the issue known to the Indian government through diplomatic

In New Delhi, the Times of India newspaper reported Wednesday that India's new defence minister, Krishna Chandra Pant, made a secret trip to Peking last Friday and had talks with senior Chinese officials on the border issue.

An Indian diplomat in Peking, asked about the report, said the defence minister had passed through Peking on his way to: Pyongyang but had no talks with Chinese officials.

On Monday, Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping met the Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), E.M.S. Namboodir-ipad, and said the border dispute should be settled reasonably with 'mutual accommodation' by both sides.

Diplomatic relations between China and India were broken for 14 years after the 1962 war, and seven rounds of inconclusive talks have been held since 1981. And

## Linnas lawyers accuse Soviets of hindering defence

WASHINGTON (AP) - Karl plained about the interpretation Linnas, accused of Nazi war crimes, was deported to the Soviet Union under a system his lawyers say kept them from col-

lecting rebutting evidence.
U.S. courts relied in part on Soviet-supplied documents and interviews of Soviet witnesses videotaped in the Soviet Union to reach their conclusion that Linnas falsely obtained American citizenship.

Linnas' lawyers complain they were under severe restrictions when trying to collect evidence from the Soviets to dispute evidence that he had been the head of a concentration camp in Estonia where thousands of people were put to death in 1941 and 1942. Estonia is now part of the Soviet Union.

His lawyers were not permitted to pursue Soviet archives in help their clients. They com-, sentenced to death.

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By Martha J. De Witz

of what was said on the videotapes; the interpreters were supplied by the Soviet govern-

The government's lawyers.

however, said that the procedures already in place provide ample protection for the rights of the defendants, and that the use of videotapes provides a judge with unlimited opportunities to evaluate the testimony. Moreover, the Office of Spe-

cial Investigations, a Nazi-hunting unit in the Justice Department, says the case against Lin-nas was air-tight, adding that evidence supplied by Soviet wit-nesses merely corroborates evi-dence obtained in the United In 1962, Linnas was convicted

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### Herbal doctor claims AIDS cure

SEOUL (R) - A South Korean herbal doctor said Wednesday he thinks he has a cure for AIDS and is inviting 20 sufferers from the disease to try his potion free of charge — but local health authorities reacted cautiously. In Washington last month U.S. Surgeon General Everett Koop said it was unlikely a vaccine for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) would be available before the late 1990s. Herbal Doctor Kim Hak Burn, who has set up an Incurable Disease Research Institute in Taejon, is so confident of his product that he is advertising in the Korea Herald offering "liberation from AIDS." A Health Ministry spokesman said Kim had not yet filed his claim with the ministry, "but of course we will look into the matter." A Seoul University Hospital doctor told Reuters he had no idea whether herbal medicine could be effective against viral infection. The 48-year-old Kim told Reuters he had already cured one patient, a Korean bar girl in her 30s, who exhibited all the symptoms of AIDS, which breaks down the body's immune system. If proven, it would be the first documented healing of an AIDS sufferer. Kim, a third generation practitioner of Korean herbal medicine, said that in order to prove the efficacy of his secret formula he was ready to distribute doses to the first 20 certified AIDS patients to apply, from anywhere in the world. His theory, based on ancient Chinese beliefs, is that AIDS is caused by an irregular combination of the body's five elements — metal, wood, water, fire and earth — possibly triggered by injury, poor dietary habits or "unreasonable overconsumption of physical strength." A public health official has said the number of AIDS cases worldwide bad probably reached 100,000 and as many as 10 million people may be infected with the virus which causes the disease. AIDS has been reported in 102 of the 131 countries which report to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

### Policeman, smuggler die in desert clash

BAHRAIN (R) - A policeman and a smuggler were killed in a clash between the police and a liquor smuggling gang in Oman's desert region, Oman police said in Muscast. The official Omani News Agency quoted a police statement as saying other gang members are arrested and the haul was seized.

### Sharjah police seize drugs, arrest 6

ABU DHAB1 (R) - Police at Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have seized two kilogrammes of heroin and arrested six members of a gang smuggling drugs from India to Europe, local newspapers reported. They also quoted Colonel Humaid Saif of Sharjah Police as saying the spread of drugs in the UAE had reached "horrifying" proportions.

## Britain's Queen marks 61st birthday

LONDON (AP) - Queen Elizabeth II turned 61 Tuesday, marking the occasion without fanfare at ber Windsor Castle home outside London, Buckingham Palace said. Her eldest son and beir to the throne, Prince Charles, and his wife, Diana, wished her a bappy hirthday before departing on a state visit to Spain, the Palace said. They bad spent Easter with her at Windsor, along with other close members of her family.

#### 2,000 dolphins die on remote beach

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Almost 2,000 dolphins, mostly females and their young, have died off the shore of a remote fishing village in north eastern Brazil in the past four days, a biologist says. Since Saturday about 2,000 dolphins have been found beached or floating off Itacare, an impoverished fishing community 1,350 kilometres, north east of Rio, said Eliana. Simas, coordinator of the fish development superintendency.

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